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Guests Struggle With Rare Concept

Guests at Manhattan's Standard Hotel are failing to close the curtains as they frolic naked in front of their rooms' floor-to-ceiling windows, easily viewed from the park below. City Council Speaker Christine Quinn has called the window action "unacceptable." The hotel said Monday that its managers will "remind guests of the transparency" of the windows. (AP)

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RED

A Study In Scarlet

The world's biggest tomato fight, which takes place at the annual La Tomatina festival in Bunol, Spain, drew more than 45,000 people from all over the world Wednesday. The town hall estimated that over 100 tons of rotten or over-ripe tomates were hurled. Don't worry: Rules require that the tomatoes be crushed before they're thrown, to prevent injuries. (EXPRESS)

CONSTANTS

Pedestrians Complain, Sun Sets in West

Police in a Cleveland suburb are using radar to fight speeding on bicycles. People who walk the paths in Beachwood City Park have been complaining about bicyclists who fly by, so police have posted a radar sign to show bikers how fast they're going. It's similar to the digitized signs that warn motorists about their speeds through construction zones. Police don't give out tickets to bicyclists who exceed the limit (10 mph) but do warn them to slow down. (AP)

UNACCEPTABLE

It Didn't Have a Mini-Fridge/Microwave

A University at Buffalo student who irked college officials by building a cabin in the woods has abandoned his plans to live there. Brian Borncamp voluntarily left the camp site, which he had claimed after deciding he couldn't afford to pay both rent and tuition. The sophomore spent the summer sleeping in stairwells and a hammock. (AP)

Kennedy to be Buried in Arlington

Senator will be laid to rest near brothers in National Cemetery

WASHINGTON | Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the political patriarch who died late Tuesday after a 15-month battle with brain cancer, will be buried Saturday at Arlington National Cemetery, close to the famed gravesites of his slain brothers.

Kennedy

As tributes poured in Wednesday from across the country and the world, Washington mourned the Massachusetts Democrat whose outsize personality and political skills continued to drive the health-care debate even in his final days.

Flags were ordered flown at half-staff at the U.S. Capitol, the White House and federal buildings. Across the Potomac River at the nation's military cemetery, photographers and camera crews were escorted to the flickering orange flame and polished marble gravestones that mark the final resting places of John F. Kennedy, assassinated in 1963, in the third year of his presidency, and Robert F. Kennedy, gunned down nearly five years later during his own White House campaign.

At national landmarks, tourists and federal workers paused to remember the last surviving Kennedy brother, an American legend known for his political prowess as well as his personal failings.

"The Kennedys were the first royal family that we had," said Kenneth Nielsen, 64, a retired math teacher from Greencastle, Pa., who was sightseeing on Capitol Hill. "That mystique was carried over. ... They were destined."

Kennedy's funeral service will be held Saturday morning at a church in Boston. The private burial that evening in Arlington National Cemetery will conclude a three-day memorial beginning on Cape Cod.

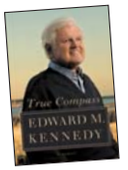
Kennedy, the Senate's third-longest serving member, was a liberal guidepost in the chamber, spending almost 47 years advocating for national health care and civil rights in particular. PAUL KANE AND DEBBI WILGOREN (WASHINGTON POST)

GERALD HERBERT/AP

President Obama ordered all government flags lowered to half-staff on Wednesday in a tribute to the late Sen. Edward Kennedy.

DAY OF MOURNING

OBAMA'S TAKE: "Even though we knew this day was coming, we awaited it with no small amount of dread," President Obama said Wednesday. "His extraordinary life on this earth has come to an end. The extraordinary good that he did lives on."



FINAL WORDS: Sen. Kennedy lived long enough to complete a cherished project: his memoir, "True Compass," which will be released Sept. 14. The book was shooting up the Amazon.com sales list Wednesday.

HEALTH CARE: The Senate's top Democrat, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., promised on Wednesday that Congress would renew the push for the cause of Kennedy's life — health-care reform.

His Final Days

➜ Several weeks ago, Sen. Kennedy's wife, Vicki, sent an e-mail with one of her regular updates on how her husband was doing. We're doing fine, she wrote. "He's a miracle man."

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DNA Swap Succeeds in Monkeys

Technique could help preclude rare genetic diseases in children

NEW YORK | An experimental procedure that someday may enable women to avoid passing certain genetic diseases on to their children has gained an early success, with the birth of four healthy monkeys, scientists report.

The experiment, which involved transferring DNA between eggs from rhesus macaques, was described Wednesday on the Web site of the journal Nature.

Someday, the technique may be used against diseases caused by inherited defects in the "power plants" of cells, called mitochondria. These conditions are uncommon and unfamiliar to most people. Roughly one person in every 4,000 or 5,000 either has one of these mitochondrial diseases or is at risk for one.

AP

Scientists have swapped DNA between the eggs of rhesus macaques, above.

An egg contains the vast majority of its DNA in the nucleus, but mitochondria contain DNA elsewhere in the egg. So if a woman has a disease caused by defects in the mitochondrial DNA, the new technique might make it possible for her to pass on her normal DNA from the nucleus but not the flawed DNA from the mitochondria.

To allow for that, doctors may transplant nucleus DNA from the eggs of such women into donor eggs that have healthy mitochondria. After test-tube fertilization, this egg would in theory produce a baby without mitochondrial defects.

Douglas Wallace of the University of California, Irvine, an expert on mitochondria who wasn't involved in the study, said the results were exciting and the technique is "very interesting."

But "there are safety issues that are going to need to be addressed before one could think about [using] it in humans," Wallace said.

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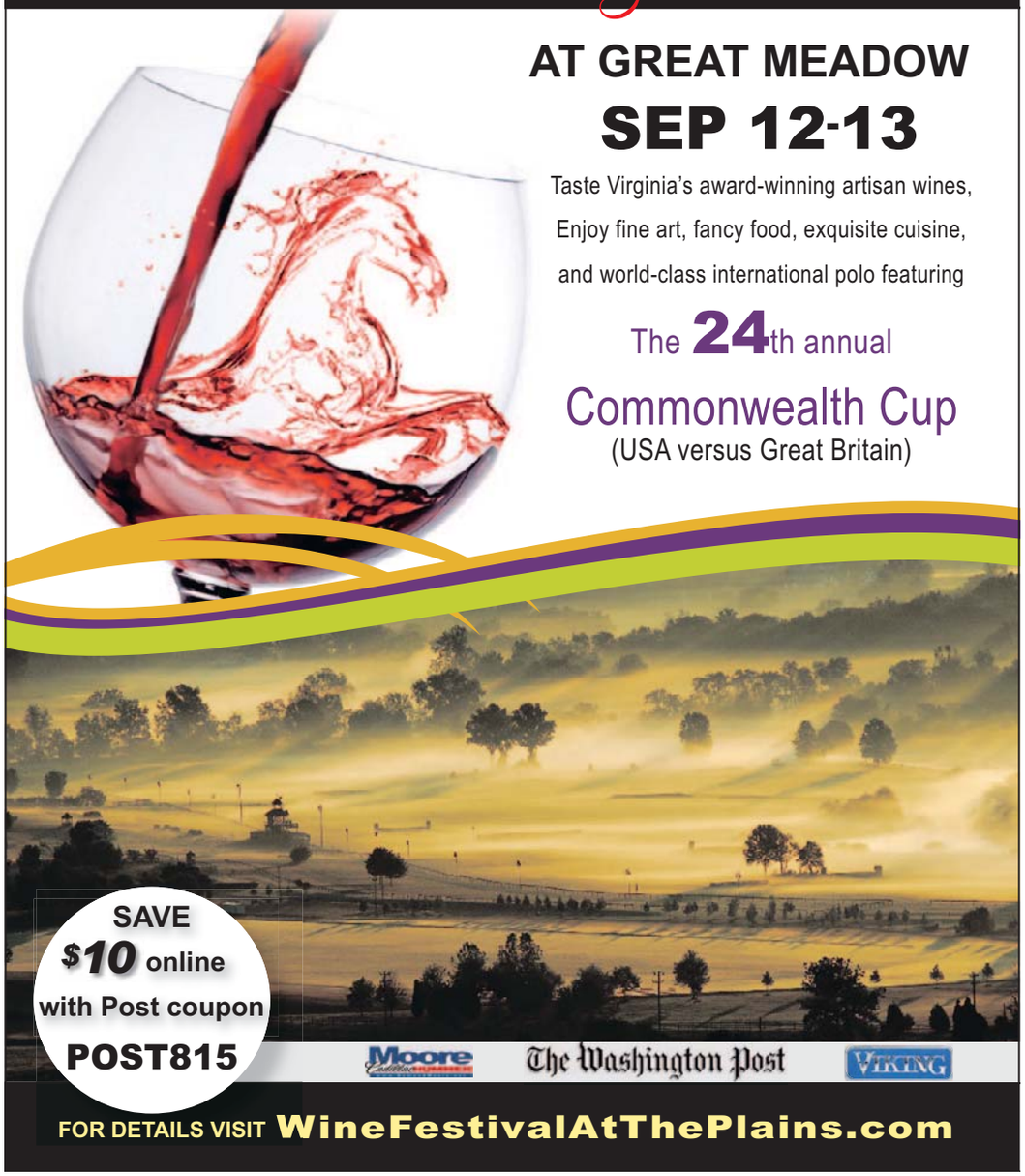

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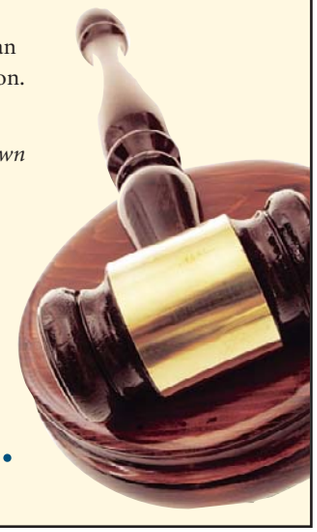

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Curtain Falls on the Kennedy Era

Senator was steward to the political legacy of his famous family

APPRECIATION | For a generation or more, Edward M. Kennedy held two roles in the political life of the country. He was the vibrant symbol of American liberalism in an era of conservative ascendance. He was also the vigorous embodiment of a pragmatic legislator in an era of deep partisan divisions and polarization in the nation's politics.

Kennedy's death from brain cancer late Tuesday brought an end to one of the most storied political careers of the last half century. That he died at a moment when one of the greatest causes of his lifetime — enactment of universal health insurance — faces major obstacles on Capitol Hill only underscored the void his absence has left.

Kennedy was the last of the Kennedy brothers, the patriarch of one of the most glamorous, influential and star-crossed families in American political history. He was father, uncle, sibling and leader in carrying on the traditions established by his two slain brothers, John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy. He knew tragedy and triumph, disappointment and elation, scandal and ultimately enormous success.

He sought the presidency but never achieved the ultimate prize in politics that once seemed part of his destiny. But with his defeat at the hands of Jimmy Carter in the 1980 Democratic primaries, Kennedy seemed liberated from the burden of having to follow his brothers in a quest for the White House and went on to become what President Obama called early Wednesday the "greatest senator of our time."

Kennedy was steadfast in his political ideology. He was the champion of the poor, the downtrodden, the weak and dispossessed. He battled for the causes of civil rights and women's rights and health care and education spending. He believed in the power of government, whether it was in or out of fashion, as a force for change and for good. He voted against the resolution authorizing the Iraq war and remained one of the war's fiercest critics.

Kennedy fought for those causes in the Senate and spoke for them as the leader of his party's liberal wing.

As much as he was the liberal's liberal, he was the legislator's legislator, a man willing and able to work across party lines, a politician of deep conviction who knew how and when to cut a deal, who believed in the end that the role of a politician was to make progress, if not all at once then step by step.

The senator's Web site, marking his death early Wednesday, featured the quotation that summed up that commitment, taken from his remarkable address to the Democratic National Convention in New York in 1980 as the last flames of his presidential candidacy were extinguished.

To tears throughout Madison Square Garden, Kennedy issued the call that echoed through the rest of his life: "For all those whose cares have been our concern, the cause endures, the hope still lives and the dream shall never die."

DAN BALZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

Sen. Edward Kennedy waves to the crowd during a triumphant appearance on Aug. 25, 2008, at the Democratic National Convention. Kennedy died late Tuesday at age 77 after a battle with brain cancer. He had served in the Senate since 1962.

More: Read "A Legislator Like No Other," from which this piece was excerpted, at **washingtonpost.com.**

PERSONAL CRISES / POLITICAL TRIUMPHS

1 May 1951 Kennedy is caught cheating on an exam and leaves Harvard College for a stint in the Army. He later re-enrolls at Harvard.

2 Nov. 22, 1963 Kennedy's brother, President John F. Kennedy, is assassinated during a parade in Dallas.

3 June 19, 1964 Kennedy's back is broken in a plane crash that kills Senate aide Edward Moss and the pilot, Edwin Zimny.

4 June 5, 1968 Kennedy's brother Robert F. Kennedy is shot in Los Angeles and dies the next day.

5 July 18, 1969 Kennedy drives his car off a bridge at Chappaquiddick, Mass. His passenger, Mary Jo Kopechne, drowns. Kennedy pleads guilty to leaving the scene of an accident.

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1 Nov. 6, 1962 Kennedy is elected U.S. senator from Massachusetts in a special election. He is re-elected to a full-term in 1964.

2 1970 Sen. Kennedy succeeds in helping pass a statute to lower the voting age in the United States to 18.

3 Aug. 12, 1980 Sen. Kennedy ends his run for the presidency with an emotional speech at the Democratic National Convention.

4 July 26, 1990 Sen. Kennedy's Americans With Disabilities Act is enacted, outlawing discrimination against the disabled in the workforce.

5 January, 2002 No Child Behind legislation, which Sen. Kennedy co-sponsored, is signed into law by President George W. Bush.

6 Jan. 28, 2008 Sen. Kennedy announces he is endorsing Sen. Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination.

World

In Brief

AMOS BEN GERSHOM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, left, greets U.S. envoy George Mitchell.

BERLIN

Israeli, Palestinian Leaders Likely to Hold Meeting Soon

The Israeli and Palestinian leaders are likely to hold their first meeting in the coming weeks, both sides indicated Wednesday, in what would be an important step toward a formal resumption of peace talks. The indications came as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held four hours of talks with President Obama's Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, in London on Wednesday. Mitchell has been pressing Israel to halt construction of West Bank settlements. (AP)

KABUL

Karzai Widens Lead Over Top Challenger in Election

President Hamid Karzai extended his lead over top challenger Abdullah Abdullah in Afghanistan's presidential poll, new results based on 17 percent of returns showed Wednesday, but Karzai remains short of the 50 percent threshold that would let him avoid a two-man runoff. The returns boost Karzai's standing to 44.8 percent. (AP)

BAGHDAD

Forces Find Stolen Picasso

Special forces have recovered a stolen painting by Pablo Picasso and arrested a man planning to sell it during a raid of his house in southern Iraq, police said Wednesday. The painting, "The Naked Woman," apparently had been among the artwork looted from Kuwait during Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion, said police spokesman Maj. Muthana Khalid. (AP)

Power May Shift for Iraqi Shiites

Death of prominent politician raises new questions before vote

BAGHDAD | Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim held together Iraq's biggest Shiite political party as the ultimate middleman: maintaining his deep ties with Iran and cultivating his new alliances of necessity with the United States.

His death Wednesday in Tehran now forces questions about whether any single figure can occupy the same tricky ground — or even still needs to — as U.S. military forces draw down and Iran is engulfed in its worst internal unrest since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

With parliamentary elections just five months away, the real struggle among Iraq's majority Shiites will have little regard for views in Washington or Tehran. It's about whether al-Hakim's 38-year-old son, Ammar — young and untested — inherited enough political wits to keep the empire from splintering and potentially reordering the Shiite leadership.

"It's going to be an uphill battle for him," said Mehrzad Boroujerdi, a researcher of political affairs at Syracuse University.

Any serious chips in al-Hakim's bloc, the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council, could introduce new political voices in Iraq's Shiite heartland and possibly require some retooled policies by both the White House and Iran's theocracy.

AHMAD AL-RUBAYE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

An Iraqi mourner reacts to the death of Shiite politician Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim.

But it also could open some new possibilities.

The soft-spoken, chain-smoking al-Hakim was widely viewed as too cozy with Iran after calling it home for nearly two decades. His family maintained a political base in Tehran, returning to Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein in the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

Al-Hakim was diagnosed with lung cancer in May 2007. He chose to undergo treatment in Tehran.

His death leaves Washington more vulnerable during changes in the Shiite hierarchy.

"The U.S. policies have been based on reliance on the important [Shiite] power-wielders in Iraq," said Boroujerdi. "So, now with Hakim out of the picture, one of those players is missing." (AP)

INDIA | CALM AFTER THE CLEAN-UP

TAUSEEF MUSTAFA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

GREEN AGENDA: A member of Kashmir's Lakes and Waterways Authority rests after collecting weeds that were growing on the surface of Dal Lake in Srinagar, India, on Wednesday. Indian Kashmir is stepping up efforts to save Dal Lake, a picturesque lake ringed by Himalayan peaks, from pollution that threatens to turn it into a weed-clogged swamp.

China Launches National Organ Donation System

BEIJING | China has launched a national organ donation system to try to reduce its dependence on body parts harvested from executed prisoners, who make up the majority of donors, state media reported on Wednesday.

Organ transplantation in China has long been criticized as profit-driven and unethical, with critics arguing death row inmates may feel pressured to become donors.

The move is China's latest step to better regulate organ transplants. Medical officials agreed in 2007 not to transplant organs from prisoners, except into members of their immediate families.

But in a rare disclosure about an industry often criticized for being opaque, the China Daily newspaper said Wednesday that more than 65 percent of organ donors come from death row. (AP)

CORRESPONDENCE **Pipe Schemes** You've heard of email and airmail, but what about undersea mail? Norwegian mayor Bernhard Riksfjord recently experimented with that concept by dropping a letter to a British politician in the 800-mile Langeled pipeline last week, Agence France-Presse said. The letter, sealed in a box, was transported by pressurized gas. After five days, the note for parish council chair Stuart Haywood emerged in Easington, England. The letter was "mailed" to mark an inspection of the pipeline. (EXPRESS)

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Mexico Loosens Drug Use Policy

U.S. police decry law that relaxes penalties for substance abusers

MEXICO CITY | Mexico now has one of the world's most liberal laws for drug users after eliminating jail time for small amounts of marijuana, cocaine and even heroin, LSD and methamphetamine.

"All right!" said a grinning Ivan Rojas, a rail-thin 20-year-old addict who endured police harassment during the decade he has spent sleeping in Mexico City's gritty streets and subway stations.

But stunned police on the U.S. side of the border say the law contradicts President Felipe Calderon's drug war, and some fear it could make Mexico a destination for drug-fueled tourism.

GUILLERMO ARIAS/AP

Victor Moreno, 40, a drug addict with a 20-year-old habit, shoots up on a street corner near the border with the United States in Tijuana, Mexico, on Tuesday.

Tens of thousands of American college students flock to Cancun and Acapulco each year to party at beachside discos.

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The percentage increase in drug use in Mexico between 2002 and 2008, according to the government — even as Mexico racheted up its fight against drug cartels during the same period.

"Now they will go because they can get drugs," said San Diego Police Chief William Lansdowne. "For a country that has experienced thousands of deaths from warring drug cartels for many years, it defies logic."

Enacted last week, the Mexican law is part of a growing trend across Latin America to treat drug use as a public health problem and make room in overcrowded prisons for violent traffickers rather than small-time users.

Brazil and Uruguay have already eliminated jail time for people carrying small amounts of drugs for personal use. Argentina's Supreme Court ruled out prison for pot possession on Tuesday. Colombia has decriminalized marijuana and cocaine for personal use, but kept penalties for other drugs.

Officials in those countries say they are not legalizing drugs — just drawing a line between users, dealers and traffickers amid a fierce drug war. Mexico's law toughens penalties for selling drugs even as it relaxes the law against using them. JULIE WATSON (AP)

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Hostage Flees Captors in Somalia

French security agent says he escaped while militants were asleep

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA | A French security agent kidnapped by insurgents in Somalia last month said he escaped Wednesday while his captors slept, then walked five hours through one of the most dangerous cities in the world to safety at the country's presidential palace.

Marc Aubriere, who was seized along with another agent in July 14, denied reports that he killed any of his captors during his escape.

"The militants who were holding me treated me well; they were giving me nice food," he told The Associated Press before boarding a plane to leave Mogadishu. "I was not harmed. There is no one I have killed or injured while I was escaping."

APTN/AP

In an image from video, guards escort Marc Aubriere, right, to a jet Wednesday.

He said he escaped at midnight when his guards "were tired and sleepy."

He told France's RFI radio that he was "using the starlight to guide me. ... Mogadishu at night is deserted and all the men that you cross paths with are armed. I was fired upon, I ran and hid and luckily they missed me."

Aubriere and another agent were kidnapped from a hotel in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, then split up between the rebel groups al-Shabab and its ally Hizbul-Islam. The second hostage was still being held.

"I am very happy but I am worried about my friend who is still held by militants," Aubriere told AP, looking tired and being led by the shoulders by Somali security agents.

The French agents were in the country to train Somali government forces, which are fighting Islamist militiamen. Militants had said the two would be tried under Islamic law for alleged spying and conspiracy against Islam. (AP)

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RICHMOND, VA.

McDonnell Says He'll Take Pay Cut If Elected Governor

Bob McDonnell says if he's elected governor, he'll cut his own pay, a nod to the tough fiscal times the state is in. In an interview with The Associated Press, the Republican former attorney general said he'd reduce his own salary as part of budget tightening. Current Gov. Tim Kaine cut his pay by 5 percent when the economy and the state's revenues began to slide. (AP)

McDonnell

WASHINGTON

Police: One Dead in Double Stabbing in Northwest

D.C. police said two men were stabbed Wednesday, one fatally, in Northwest Washington in an incident that homicide investigators were still trying to sort out late in the afternoon. Police said the victims, whom they described as "transgender males," were stabbed shortly after 2:30 p.m. in the 200 block of Q Street NW. Each was taken from the scene and one was pronounced dead at Howard University Hospital. PAUL DUGGAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Pr. George's Students Left in Limbo

Officials fault glitch for schedule problems to start school year

More than 3,400 Prince George's County high school students remained without class schedules Wednesday as top school officials acknowledged rising parent fury over logistical problems that have plagued the first week of the academic year.

"We're working to resolve it," Superintendent William R. Hite Jr. said at an afternoon news conference in Oxon Hill. "We appreciate the patience of the parents. We know this is difficult."

When schools reopened Monday, about 8,000 of the county's 41,000 high school students were shunted into gymnasiums, cafeterias and auditoriums because of problems with a computer system that left them without schedules.

School officials attributed the difficulties to a new computer system, known as SchoolMax, but said late registrations and absences also contributed.

"We've just been sitting there," said Deborah Kuranga, 17, a senior at Bowie High, who was still waiting for a schedule Wednesday morning. She said she was worried that the glitch would leave her behind classmates, particularly in advanced placement physics and statistics. NELSON HERNANDEZ AND EMMA BROWN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

GERALD MARTINEAU/TWP

Students who arrived at school but found out they did not have any class schedules fill the gym and wait to be processed on Aug. 24 at Laurel High School in Laurel, Md.

Cupcakes Hit Area's Sweet Spot

Even amid downturn, luxury snack bakeries continue to pop up

The line outside tiny Georgetown Cupcake sometimes stretches 100 people or more, all queuing up for one of the shop's distinctive $2.75 treats. Regulars have been known to pay people to hold their place. Others multi-task or use their cellphones to check whether their favorites are still available.

In a recession that has laid low many businesses in the region, from mighty real estate developers to struggling retailers, the pint-size cupcake sector is a bright spot. On a single weekend day, Georgetown Cupcake will bake 5,000 or so of the confections.

The company suddenly has many competitors, all trying to capitalize on a desire for a simple, inexpensive indulgence at a time when the economic news seems so depressing.

At least half a dozen cupcake bakeries have opened around Washington in the past 20 months, and more are on the way. Penn Quarter's Red Velvet will expand next month to Dupont Circle, where it will compete with year-old Hello Cupcake. A shop called Something Sweet opened in Northwest Washington.

There are online-only local cupcakeries, a vegetarian cupcakery, Blushing Bakeshop in Potomac, a Lavender Moon in Alexandria and Rhonda's Cupcakery in Greenbelt. Established bakers such as CakeLove, Just Cakes, Furin's, Best Buns and Baked & Wired are all in on the act.

"They are everywhere, like ants," said Leslie Goldman-Poyourow, a 14-year baker who operates Cakes by Leslie in downtown Bethesda. THOMAS HEATH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

MARCUS YAM/TWP

A customer takes time to decide which cupcake to buy at the Red Velvet Cupcakery in Washington on Aug. 12. Cupcake bakeries are booming during the downturn.

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Mid-day D.C. Five	2-6-4-2-6
Evening D.C. Five (Tues.)	5-1-1-0-9
Daily 6 (Tues.)	4-18-23-29-30-33 (37)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	1-2-7
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	0-5-8
Mid-day Pick 4	9-3-7-7
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	4-4-2-6
Match 5 (Tues.)	4-16-28-33-36 (13)

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3	5-1-9
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	8-9-3
Mid-day Pick 4	7-1-9-0
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	8-8-7-1
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Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	5-16-26-30-32

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Money

Microsoft Takes Heat for Altering Race in Picture

LOS ANGELES | Software giant Microsoft Corp. is apologizing for altering a photo on its Web site to change the race of one of the people shown in the picture.

A photo on the company's U.S. Web site shows two men, one Asian and one black, and a white woman seated at a conference room table. But on the Web site of Microsoft's Polish business unit, the black man's head has been replaced with that of a white man. The color of his hand remains unchanged.

Some critics on the Internet claim Poland's ethnic homogeneity may have played a role in changing the photo.

"We are looking into the details," Microsoft spokesperson Lou Gellos said in a statement. "We apologize and are in the process of pulling down the image." (AP)

FDIC May Need Infusion of Cash

Program that insures all U.S. bank deposits is under heavy strain

NEW YORK | The government agency that guarantees you won't lose your money in a bank failure may need a lifeline of its own.

The coffers of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. have been so depleted by the epidemic of collapsing financial institutions that analysts warn it could sink into the red by the end of this year.

That has happened only once before — during the savings-and-loan crisis of the early 1990s, when the FDIC was forced to borrow $15 billion from the Treasury and repay it later with interest.

On Thursday, the agency reveals how much is left in its reserves. FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair may also use the quarterly briefing to say how the agency plans to shore up its accounts.

HARAZN. GHANBARI/AP FILE

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairwoman Sheila Bair will reveal Thursday how much money is left in the insurance fund, which has been strained by bank failures.

Small and midsize banks across the country have been hurt by rising loan defaults in the recession. When they fail, the FDIC is responsible for making sure depositors don't lose a cent.

It has two options to replenish its insurance fund in the short run: It can charge banks higher fees or it can take the more radical step of borrowing from the U.S. Treasury.

None of this means bank customers have anything to worry about. The FDIC is fully backed by the government, which means depositors' accounts are guaranteed up to $250,000 per account. And it still has billions in loss reserves apart from the insurance fund.

The agency figures it will need $70 billion to cover bank failures through 2013, more than five times the $13 billion that was in the fund in March. STEVENSON JACOBS (AP)

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The number of banks that have failed in the United States this year and subsequently been taken over by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

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Nearly 700K Vehicles Sold Under 'Clunkers'

White House says the now-defunct program was good for economy

WASHINGTON | Cash for Clunkers generated nearly 700,000 new car sales and ended under its $3 billion budget, the Transportation Department said Wednesday.

Releasing final data, the government said dealers submitted 690,114 vouchers totaling $2.88 billion. New car sales through the program ended late Monday.

Japanese automakers Toyota, Honda and Nissan accounted for 41 percent of the new vehicle sales, outpacing General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, which had a share of nearly 39 percent. Toyota Motor Corp. led the industry with 19.4 percent of new sales, followed by General Motors Co. with 17.6 percent and Ford Motor Co. with 14.4 percent.

GARY MALERBA/AP

Walt Roche installs a motor mount on a Ford Focus Wednesday in Wayne, Mich.

The White House Council of Economic Advisers said the program will boost economic growth in the third quarter by 0.3 to 0.4 percentage points because of the increased auto sales in July and August. (AP)

A Potential Warning for Nationals

Balester's demotion comes two years after he was top prospect

NATIONALS | Turn back the clock a bit.

Before Stephen Strasburg was a once-in-a-generation pitching prospect, before John Lannan rose from 11th-round draft pick to de facto ace, and before the Washington Nationals' rotation filled up with young, anonymous names — before all that, Collin Balester was the guy.

As recently as 2007, he was regarded by Baseball America as the top prospect in the Nationals' organization. He stands 6-foot-5 and uncorks high-90s fastballs and sharp-breaking curves from his powerful right arm. Scouts and front office types not long ago projected him as a top-of-the-rotation pitcher. But now, as Strasburg's signing fills the air with hope and hyperbole, Balester stands as a monument to unmet potential.

CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

Washington Nationals starting pitcher Collin Balester reacts after a solid start turned south this week against the Brewers. Now, he's back in the minor leagues.

On Tuesday night, a day after his latest inconsistent outing, he was sent back to the minors to make room for 34-year-old Livan Hernandez, whom the club signed after he was released last week by the New York Mets. Hernandez, the ace of the Nationals' staff during its first years in Washington, had a 5.47 ERA with New York.

CHRIS GARDNER/AP

Former Nats ace Livan Hernandez is back as a stopgap measure this year.

Hernandez was 24-18 with a 4.49 ERA in 59 starts during the 2005 and 2006. He has struggled since, bouncing from the Diamondbacks to the Twins to the Rockies to the Mets. For the moment, the Nationals envision the veteran as a stopgap, since the team's young starters are nearing their innings pitched ceilings.

Balester on Monday shut down the Milwaukee Brewers for five innings. In the sixth, he collapsed giving up four runs and the lead.

"I just kind of lost the rhythm of the game a little bit," he said afterward. "I took a lot of positives out of the start. I'm going to work on it in the bullpen and get back to it in my next start."

The next start likely will be in Syracuse, though he could be called back to Washington when rosters expand on Sept. 1. Though his start on Aug. 19 lasted only four outs, one of Balester's primary problems has been his inability to work deep in games. His 6.82 ERA in seven games this year gives him a 5.87 ERA in 22 major-league starts. It also means his top prospect status is gone and he'll have to regain it through tangible results.

"You just gotta pitch better," Riggleman said. "That's all I can say. You gotta do more."

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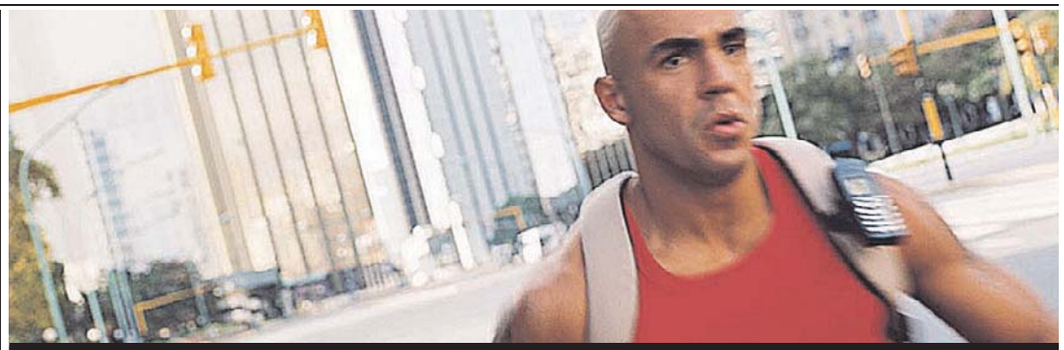

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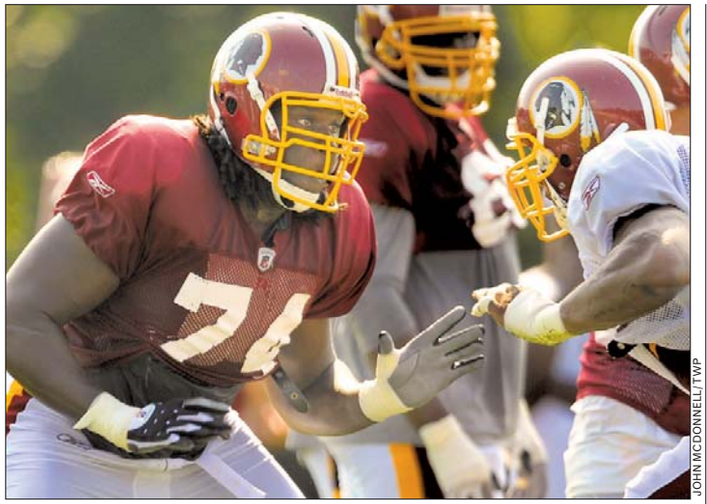
Sports

Heyer Tackles Camp Competition

Former Terps star overtakes Redskins veterans to win spot

REDSKINS | Right tackle was supposed to be the must-watch position battle for the Washington Redskins through training camp and preseason. Which of the three candidates would replace longtime favorite Jon Jansen? Would the winner be a sufficient anchor on a line that didn't perform well in the second half of last season?

The battle turned into a no-contest. Partly by default, and partly through performance, Stephon Heyer will be the starter Sept. 13 when the Redskins open the season at the New York Giants.



JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

Redskins right tackle Stephon Heyer made short work of the veterans brought in to win his job this offseason. He'll be the starter in Sept. 13 against the Giants.

"Stephon Heyer's way ahead of everybody, man," offensive line coach Joe Bugel said. "He's a legit tackle."

The former University of Maryland star beat out veterans Mike Williams and Jeremy Bridges.

Williams has lost more than 100 pounds in his bid to return to the NFL after three years away. But dehydration, a groin injury and now a sprained ankle could lead to a disappointing end to the comeback experiment.

Bridges has started 39 games at tackle and guard over six NFL seasons with Philadelphia, Arizona and Carolina, but he's looked much more at home at guard with the Redskins. He'll make the roster as a utility backup.

Meanwhile, Heyer has been setback-free. He's stronger and more flexible after spending part of the offseason in a workout program with teammates Chris Samuels, Derrick Dockery and Williams.

"I would not say he's there by default," coach Jim Zorn said. "He's taken every opportunity to step in there and not look back." (AP)

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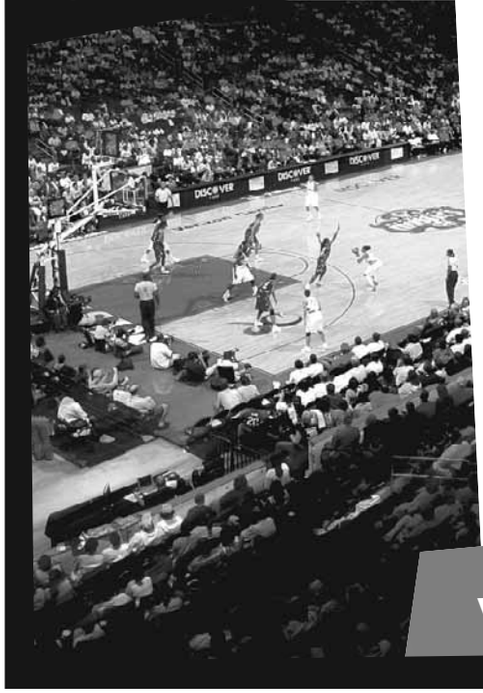

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Sports

Vick's Long Wait Is Over

Quarterback's return will be main draw of Thursday night game

NFL | Michael Vick will start his day in bankruptcy court and end it on a football field. All day, all eyes will be on No. 7.

Vick is scheduled to play his first NFL game since his release from prison when the Philadelphia Eagles host the Jacksonville Jaguars in a preseason matchup Thursday night.

It'll be Vick's first official appearance in a game since Dec. 31, 2006, with the Atlanta Falcons. He also played that one at Lincoln Financial Field against the Eagles. This time, there likely will be protesters outside the stadium. Inside, there probably will be plenty of boos.

Donovan McNabb, Brian Westbrook, the rest of the Eagles and all the Jaguars are merely a subplot in an otherwise meaningless game. Vick's much-anticipated return is the talk of the town.

Vick has dominated headlines since the Eagles signed the three-time Pro Bowl quarterback two weeks ago, giving him a one-year, $1.6 million contract with a team option for $5.2 million in 2010.

McNabb and the first-team offense are slated to play three quarters against the Jags, and backup QB Kevin Kolb is penciled in for the fourth quarter. So Vick could share reps with McNabb and the two may even be on the field together in certain situations.

"I've just got to see how it works out," Reid said. "I think he's worked himself into good enough shape to where he can function in there and do OK. And then I've just got to see. It's been two years since he's been in there, so I've got to see. If he's OK with the speed of it, then we can give him a couple snaps. If not, we'll back him off and get him back to practice and work there."

ROB MAADDI (AP)

MATT ROURKE/AP

Vick could share reps with starter Donovan McNabb, and the two may even be on the field together in certain situations against the Jaguars Thursday in Philadelphia.

Jets Name Sanchez Starting QB

NFL | New York Jets coach Rex Ryan has made it official: Mark Sanchez is his starting quarterback.

Ryan, who made the announcement after practice Wednesday, said early in training camp he'd like to make a decision on a starter by the Jets' third preseason game. Sanchez showed him enough in two games to beat Kellen Clemens for the job.

The fifth overall draft pick out of Southern California will be under center for the Jets' opener at Houston on Sept. 13. The Jets' next preseason game is Saturday night against the Giants. (AP)

NICK WASS/AP

Rookie Mark Sanchez beat Kellen Clemens in the Jets' quarterback battle.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (2 P.M. ON MASN) The Nats finish up their series against the Cubs with a day game.

ORIOLES (8 P.M. ON MASN) Neither the O's nor the Indians have much left to be playing for.

LITTLE LEAGUE (4 P.M. AND 8 P.M. ON ESPN) By day's end, we'll know the finalists in both the international and U.S. draws of the Little League World Series.

NFL (8 P.M. ON FOX) State pride is on the line when the Miami Dolphins face the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

RULES **Soccer and Gum Don't Mix** Chewing gum and playing soccer proved a dangerous mix for one Brazilian player. Aloisio, a striker for Vasco da Gama, wound up in the hospital after colliding with an opponent and choking on his gum during a second-division game Tuesday. He was released from the hospital and avoided serious injury. (AP)

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Sports

Wizards to Return to China

30 years after historic trip, Unseld will lead current stars on visit

WIZARDS | Thirty years after the Washington Wizards became the first NBA team to visit China, veterans of the team plan a return trip next month to the country where basketball's popularity is now soaring.

Hall of Fame center Wes Unseld, a star of the 1979 team then known as the Bullets, will be joined on the visit Sept. 5-15 by current Wizards Caron Butler and Randy Foye, the team said. Joining them will be another former Bullet, 7-foot-7 Gheorghe Muresan.

AP

The Washington Bullets tour the Great Wall of China during their visit in 1979.

The trip will include a series of clinics, including one with last season's China Basketball Association championship team, Guangdong Hongyuan. The visitors will travel to Beijing, Shanghai and parts of the Sichuan province that were devastated by last year's massive earthquake.

"We thought the best way to pay homage to the anniversary of our historic trip in 1979 was to return to China, because 30 years ago it was unheard of to travel overseas with an NBA team," Wizards owner Abe Pollin said.

The 1979 Bullets, led by Unseld and fellow future Hall of Famer Elvin Hayes, played exhibition games against the Chinese national team and the People's Liberation Army's Bayi team. The Americans were also shown historic sites, including the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall. (AP)

$3M **THE AMOUNT OF** money the Redskins reportedly will pay the University of Indiana to move its scheduled home football game on Nov. 20, 2010, against Penn State to FedEx Field. FedEx Field will also host the Virginia Tech-Boise State game next year. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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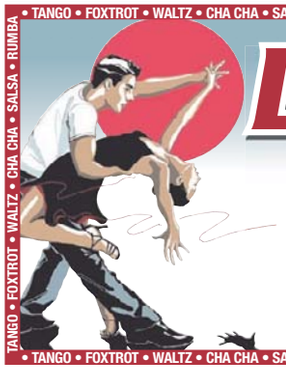

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How are you feeling these days?
Well, if my eyes open and I can take that first breath, then I can handle anything that comes my way. I try to make somebody else forget about what they're going through, and if I do that I don't have time to think about what tries to screw with me. I just did 17 concerts, so I'm still here. When I want to make fun of [the pain], I swear at it. Hey, I'm from Boston.

Were you close to Les Paul?
My beautiful buddy who we lost; part of me went with him. He created the modern electric guitar, that's what he's known for, that and multitracking.

A lot of critics said Les Paul invented the electric guitar, and Dick Dale put the electricity in the guitar. Jimmy played with him for the World Guitar Congress [in 2004 at Towson University outside of Baltimore]. Les signed Jimmy's acoustic guitar case from one end to the other. So bitchin'! He always would talk about little Jimmy, and that was so beautiful.

You play a lot of instruments. Does Jimmy?
He does a lot on the guitar, but his real love, like mine was, is drums. And Jimmy plays piano with me; he plays "Dr. Zhivago," "Exodus," and all that. So I'll try and get him on the piano to do a number and I'll back him up on the guitar on one of the Spanish songs I wrote; "The Long Ride" I think. I created it on the piano and I play it differently on the guitar.

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PAUL STELTER

> "A lot of critics say Les Paul invented the electric guitar, and Dick Dale put the electricity in the guitar."

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Allure of the Bad Girl

An obsession with Mae West bonds fans in 'Dirty Blonde'

STAGE | According to Signature's latest offering, stage and screen siren Mae West may have invented the wardrobe malfunction.

It's one of many moments Claudia Shear's Tony-winning play, "Dirty Blonde," uses to showcase the icon's ability to attract attention, from bosom-baring dance moves to titling a play, "Sex." When a man tells West "You have an unusual quality," he's not exaggerating.

It takes an actress with an unusual quality herself to portray not only West, but also one of her most devoted fans, Jo. Signature has cast Emily Skinner, who admirably shifts from West to Jo and back with ease.

The story includes two arcs: One follows West's career, from her early vaudeville days to her later years. J. Fred Shiffman portrays multiple roles, including West's discarded husband and several artistic partners.

The other story involves Jo, an actress, and Charlie (Hugh Nees), whom she meets by West's grave on the star's birthday. As a young man, Charlie managed to obtain an audience with West, and his stories enthrall Jo. They strike up a friendship (or is it more?) based on their mutual obsession.

SCOTT SUCHMAN

Emily Skinner embodies both screen icon Mae West and Jo, her biggest fan.

Both Jo and Charlie draw power and inspiration from West's grit and "tough girl" status, but the latter harbors a secret that threatens their fledgling relationship.

The play calls for yeoman work from director Jeremy Skidmore's cast and crew, and all deliver. The costumes sparkle, the music invigorates and the small cast brims with vitality. Skinner particularly infuses her dual roles with vivacity and confidence that would make West proud. ERIN TROMPETER

→ *Signature Theatre, Ark, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; through Oct. 4, $47-$71; 800-551-7328; signature-theatre.org.*

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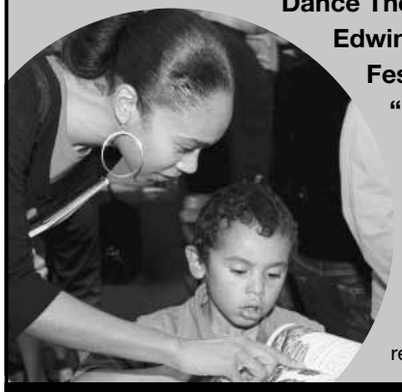

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From left, Flaming Lips bassist Michael Ivins, singer-guitarist Wayne Coyne, drummer Kliph Scurlock and multi-instrumentalist Steven Drozd.

Growing An Absurdity

The Flaming Lips are part band, part cult, and America's pied pipers of alt-rock

MUSIC | It looks so familiar — the chic suits, the eccentric manner, the oddball spirit and massive, unmatched talent. Yes, indie rock found its Willie Wonka on the streets of Norman, Okla., 20 years ago when Wayne Coyne began destroying amplifiers with ear-splitting sound.

A couple of decades or so into his career as the Flaming Lips' merriest prankster, and the confetti-shooting, Zorb-inhabiting master of freak-centric rock continues mixing up America's tastiest-sounding psychedelic trip. And that's just on record. Live, the band puts on a singular and exuberantly absurd experience — dancing Teletubbies possibly included.

"If this was what a cult was like, we'd all want to be in one," said Coyne, who each night channels the bravado of a ringmaster at the band's legendary live shows, rolling across the Day-Glo crowd in a clear hamster-sphere-like space bubble, leading the audience in applause with a pair of oversized hands and assisting in the creation of some of the most off-center, delicious, sonic sing-along anthems in modern rock music history.

And you don't even need a golden ticket.

The Lips have been analyzed in books, documented in movies,

Wayne Coyne, the confetti-shooting, Zorb-inhabiting master of freak-rock continues to mix it up.

but the experience of the band is difficult to convey on page or screen. When they wrap up each show with "Do You Realize??"— named the official state rock song of Oklahoma in April — there's something magical, something that transforms Coyne from a band-fronting man into a kid who gets to play with all the toys.

"Every night, it's thrilling, that

> "I THINK THAT'S WHY OUR MUSIC CAN BE SO FREE AND SO FULL OF RISKS, BECAUSE OUR LIFE IS SO STABLE."

energy, that love, that enthusiasm, that the audience projects onto you," Coyne said. "You'd have to be a pretty cynical, thick-skinned mother for that to not touch you. ... We chose it as a song to highlight in our set; [the audience] chose it as a song to make significant in their lives. The song is this big celebration."

The Flaming Lips might be known for a playful exploration of the psychedelic — "The Soft Bulletin," "At War With the Mystics" and "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots" are some of the obscurely sourced album titles the quartet has released — but Coyne and company turn to the dark rock roots of their earlier years with the band's 12th studio album, "Embryonic," which drops in October.

"We had talked about making parts of the music that we weren't going to give a lot of shape to," Coyne said.

"There is a mood. It's created by these strange chord sequences that on first listen don't sound like anything, but there is a strangeness to the stuff [drummer and multi-instrumentalist] Steven [Drozd] is playing that works on you in a subliminal way. ... It's like having a toothache but you're eating ice cream anyway. ... A lot of our other songs, they're major chords and they are optimistic, and some of these are just flat-out disturbing."

The album is still shrouded in mystery. So far, cuts from "Embryonic" haven't been leaked online. Instead, flaminglips.com offers concert ticket-purchasing fans the chance to taste three new tracks, three rare B-sides and a stream of the entire album. (The new tracks are also available on iTunes.)

The new cuts prove that Coyne still knows how to tempt musical tastebuds. Psychedelic electro-rockers MGMT show up for one song, and second-wave punk diva Karen O of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs guests on another couple of cuts. By O's own account, at least, she brought it.

"When Karen O says she's going to do a freakout, it's pretty awesome," said Coyne. "I was shocked, I was in glee, I was like, "Oh, [expletive], this is going to be great."

There's another twist — "Embryonic" is a double album; even though Coyne calls this move "kind of self-indulgent." But, "I'm not worried the audience is going to think we're taking a piss. They want us to get lost and see where the music is going to take us."

Coyne credits the band's ability to stretch out on record and onstage with the basic stability of the members' private lives — a counterweight of sorts to the nuttiness of the music.

"We never have been one of these groups who were always teetering on the edge of disaster and drama, even through Steven's drug addiction," said Coyne. (Drozd battled heroin in the 1990s.)

"I think that's why our music can be so free and so full of risks, because our life is so stable ... and I think that's always been our secret weapon: We have cool people around us that make our lives great."

But surely even he can't deny the band's association with mind-aletering substance. Can he?

"Oh, they [the audience] take the Kool-Aid before they get there," said Coyne, laughing. "Completely voluntarily."

NATHAN MARTIN (EXPRESS)

➜ *Merriweather Post Pavilion, 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md.; with Explosions in the Sky, Stardeath, the White Dwarfs, Fri., 6 p.m., $30-$40, 800-551-7328, merriweathermusic.com.*

JOANNA RAMOS

Ilad keeps its sound fresh by improvising more than rehearsing, and by embarking on grueling, months-long live tours.

Rhymes With Odd

Richmond folk-rock outfit Ilad borrows from the past, but looks to the future

MUSIC | Unlike most of its beard-rocking brethren, Richmond folk-rock band Ilad is more than a mere peddler of bygone sounds. While embracing traditional song styles, the group's experimental tendencies and sensitivity to mood keep its music from becoming mired in nostalgia.

"We just feel things out," says Scott Clark, drummer for the group. "I guess in a way we are nostalgic for great old music ... but we like a lot of great new music, too."

Scott says he and his fellow band members throw everything into the mix, from the Delta blues of Son House to structured Philip Glass-like pointillism. The end result is a sort of soft psychedelia that floats somewhere between rustic blues and dream-pop.

"We never get together with an idea of what kind of music we're going to play," says Clark. "We improvise a lot and that comes about in our compositions at times."

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It makes sense, then, that the quartet recorded its last album, "Here/There," with producer and Tortoise drummer John McEntire in Chicago. Under the exploratory impresario's influence, Ilad songs like "Mexico" and "Wish for a Flood" are transformed from simple finger-picked ditties into deeper studies in sentiment and perspective.

Together since 2004 and set to release a new, third full-length, Ilad refuses to rest on its laurels. According to Clark, the band is booked to play shows through January.

"That's where the music really happens," says Clark, although he adds that he recognizes the toll a long tour can take. "It's just one of those things you have to do. You just have to put your trust in the universe and hope that everything works out OK."

Coming from of a city with a rich heritage of Southern rock and finding its stride amid a persistent buzz about underground contemporary "freak-folk" music, Ilad is well positioned to rise to the cream of the alt-country crop.

"There is room to grow in our music, but we're coming more and more into our own," says Clark.

JOHNATHAN RICKMAN

→ *Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd.; Sun., 9 p.m., $5; 703-525-8646. (Clarendon)*

You Are Now Free To Rock

The Virgin Mobile Freefest offers the best (sort of) for less

FABRICE COFFRINI/GETTY IMAGES

Euro-rockers Franz Ferdinand make a rare D.C.-area appearance on Sunday.

FESTIVALS | Forget the skepticism back in June when Virgin Mobile announced that, because of the rough economy, its gigantic rock festival would be free this year. Most music fans were waiting to hear what the catch is.

Decent bands at no cost — uh, just how "free" could it be?

There was fine print, but of the heartwarming variety. Virgin Mobile encouraged donations to homeless shelters in lieu of paying for tickets and offered extra tickets for those who did community service.

Yes, the co-headlining choices of Blink-182 and Weezer feel just a little dated, but mix in the sexy dance-rock of Franz Ferdinand, the soaring orchestration of the National and the whatever-it-is insanity of Girl Talk, and you're looking at a truly eclectic festival. Not everything is for everybody, but there's enough rock to go around.

Set times haven't been posted, but Jet, Mates of State, Public Enemy, Taking Back Sunday, the Bravery, the Hold Steady, St. Vincent and D.C. rapper Wale will be split over two stages while Danny Howels, Holy [Expletive], Lee Burridge and Pete Tong man the dance tent.

Not the worst way to make a difference in a tough times.

NATHAN MARTIN (EXPRESS)

→ *Merriweather Post Pavilion, 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md.; Sun., doors open 10 a.m., sold out, virginmobilefestival.com.*

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Sunglasses In the Dark

Mother Mother plays bright pop with grim themes, and looks cool while doing it

MUSIC | Ryan Guldemond is a very particular guy.

"Hold on. I need to put my sunglasses on," he said, pausing before starting our phone interview.

Sunglasses?

"I've got to wear sunglasses when I do interviews — it makes me feel a little bit cooler then I am," he said. "It makes me feel like Marlon Brando or James Dean."

He's particular in the way he speaks too: hushed, carefully constructing each sentence.

But while singing, the brainchild behind Canadian indie-pop group Mother Mother's voice brims with confidence, with Guldemond belting every vocal.

As a lyricist, Guldemond certainly knows how to turn a phrase. "I like the tree tops 'cause they're reaching just like me/I'm tied up in knots like the brambles and the weeds," he sings in 2007's "Ball Cap." But Guldemond approaches a song via the music, not the words.

"It's not like there's a profound emotion that needs to be composed that I then place in a stanza. You're searching for words that need to be placed in a melody, a phrase emerges and it sets the tone for what is to come."

Mother Mother is a balance of bright and dark, with pop and punk song structures married to morose lyrics.

"When you say something kind of heavy in a light tone, you're kind of taking the edge off of it," he said. "There's a comical thing to tragedy and it's nice to appreciate that in art and life."

It's a direct parallel to the Pixies, from whom the band borrows heavily — from the Kim Deal-esque bass line on "O My Heart," the title track to Mother Mother's sophomore effort; to the male/female, point/counterpoint vocals.

Unlike the Pixies, Guldemond shares vocals with two singers: his sister, Molly Guldemond, and keyboardist Jasmin Parkin, who replaced Debra-Jean Creelman early this year.

"That's kind of our shtick, so it's important and it's fun and it's different," Guldemond said.

"People regard that as something they don't hear very often. It's nice to have a signature. It's fun to craft these little interweaving parts." RUDI GREENBERG

COURTESY BROOKES COMPANY

NATURE VERSUS NURTURE: Canadian indie-poppers Mother Mother look south.

Mother Mother is a balance of bright and dark, with pop and punk song structures married to morose lyrics.

→ *Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; with Paul Michel, We Were Pirates; Sat., 8:30 pm, $10, 202-388-7625. rockandrollhoteldc.com.*

The Frodo Live Tour

Wolf Trap hosts 'The Two Towers' with live accompaniment

OUT & ABOUT | Pack your picnics, grab the kids and put on your elf ears — "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" is coming to Wolf Trap in all its bombast.

Naturally, the multiple screens will fill with the nail-biting adventures of Frodo and his hairy-footed friends — all in dazzling high definition. But the story gets a boost in this case — released from the confines of a movie theater, Howard Shore's epic-tastic musical score will also boom from the instruments of a live orchestra as the City Choir of Washington provides the vocals.

It's a movie, it's a night at the symphony, it's a nerdy Tolkienphile's dream.

Wolf Trap is uniquely set up for such a multimedia performance. The Filene Center is spacious, the movie screens enormous and the so-called cheap seats are actually verdant spots on the lawn. What is summer all about if not breathing in the fresh air and listening to a live orchestra musically emphasize the direness of the Hobbits' mission?

If the story isn't clear enough or the concept of live music plus movie still sounds a little bizarre, check in an hour before either performance for a pre-show discussion with Deb Lamberton, classical station WETA's senior producer. But we can't guarantee she'll be able to answer questions about where Orcs get their power. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

PIERRE VINET/NEW LINE PICTURES

It's every nerdy girl's dream — Orlando Bloom's acting set to music at Wolf Trap.

→ *Wolf Trap, Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m., $25-$55; 703-355-1900.*

TRIBUTE | RITUAL

PATRICK WITTY/FTWP

NOT THE END: That's not the spirit of Jim Morrison; that's Joe Russo of Soft Parade. The Doors tribute band channels the shamanistic ecstasy of the original '60s legends at the State Theatre on Friday.

Americana, Locally Grown

Washington band These United States gets a hope infusion

MUSIC | The five musicians in These United States were arranging and practicing songs for their new album throughout January of this year, during that small gathering that took place on the National Mall.

"It was really interesting to be locked in a basement for 10 hours hashing out songs together, then go out on Tuesday and see the entire world in front of your eyes," says Jesse Elliott, the group's singer and chief songwriter.

Like many others, Elliott and the band sensed an optimism in all those people braving the cold to witness the inauguration of Barack Obama, and that feeling guided the sound and theme of "Everything Touches Everything," if not necessarily its subject matter. "Everything" is not overtly political, but it does try to take in the world from its particular vantage point.

COURTESY FORCE FIELD PR

On its new record, TUS' music documents "a snapshot of where we are right now."

"Everything" is These United States' most assured album to date, a focused and wide-ranging blend of exuberant pop melodies and idiosyncratic folk rock.

"I love the idea of a record literally of a particular point in time," Elliott explains. "We take a snapshot of where we're at right now, and the lighting is probably going to be a little bit off, the composition isn't perfect in the frame, but hopefully there's something going on inside the picture that's meaningful."

STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

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Delinquent Taste

The cult comic book "Heavy Metal" got the big-screen treatment in 1981. AFI Silver screens this oddity, with its heavy doses of fantasy, science fiction and animated adult content, as part of its annual '80s summer series. The soundtrack includes Black Sabbath and Nazareth.

→ AFI SILVER, 8633 COLESVILLE ROAD, SILVER SPRING; FRI., 11 P.M. & SAT., MIDNIGHT, $10; 301-495-6700, AFI.COM/SILVER.

Yacht Club

The National Gallery of Art's latest Vault to Screen installment is "Pandora and the Flying Dutchman." In this '50s melodrama, beautiful, tempestuous Ava Gardner is unnerved by mysterious yacht captain James Mason. It's old-school exotic romance that still holds up.

→ NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, 4TH STREET & CONSTITUTION AVENUE NW; FRI. & SAT., 2:30 P.M., FREE; 202-842-6799, NGA.GOV.

RUE KHALSA (EXPRESS)

Run Around, Go Boom

"'Splosion Man' offers lunch meats, anarchy and a combustible anarchist as a hero

VIDEO GAME | With "'Splosion Man," developer Twisted Pixel (creators of the marvelous "Maw") has proven once again that it's mastered the art of taking a simple gameplay concept, injecting it with a memorable mascot and tweaking it until it's whipped up a whirligig of wacky fun.

The concept is actually deceptively simple. You play as the titular combustible menace, and your only goal is to escape an interstellar scientific lab using the lone ability you have: You can blow yourself up.

That's it. You can't pick up objects (save for an overweight doughnut-munching scientist), punch or kick. The fact that the developers are able to construct 50 levels of 2-D platforming bliss reminiscent of the best Sonic the Hedgehog ever offered around this idea is a testament not only to their game design skills, but also their ability to create great characters.

COURTESY TWISTED PIXEL

The title character, left, in "'Splosion Man" possesses the ability to blow itself up.

Where Maw was a lovable alien blob-puppy with a penchant for eating everything that wasn't nailed down, 'Splosion Man is a zany molten mass of insanity that recalls Woody Woodpecker at his most anarchist. He constantly jabbers nonsense, sounding not unlike a hopped-up Swedish Chef. A personal favorite quirk is his penchant for shouting the names of random lunch meats after you've comically blown up an evil scientist blocking your path.

'Splosion Man is a zany molten mass of insanity that recalls Woody Woodpecker.

The game also offers another 50 levels of co-op multiplayer mayhem. Basically a reworking of the single-player mode, the multiplayer offers more than a few unique challenges that do a fantastic job of engaging the players.

Simply put: 'Splosion man is one of the best games this year. and at only $10 makes buying it is a no-brainer. MICAH PEARSON (EXPRESS)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 | Inglourious Basterds

Quentin Tarantino isn't interested in telling an authentic story so much as using World War II as a backdrop for cinematic recycling. ANN HORNADAY

2 | District 9

This allegorical thrill ride is a sci-fi-fueled indictment of man's inhumanity to man and the non-human — horribly familiar and transfixing. JOHN ANDERSON

3 | G.I. Joe

This toy-based action movie is the loudest, flashiest and silliest blockbuster in a summer full of long, silly, flashy, loud blockbusters. DAN KOIS

4 | The Time Traveler's Wife

The central conflict of this romantic tearjerker is a metaphor for the obstacles that pop up in every relationship. JOHN ANDERSON

5 | Julie & Julia

The film toggles between inspiring chef Julia Child and insipid blogger Julie Powell, and it's clear that the two characters are hopelessly mismatched. ANN HORNADAY

6 | Shorts

This family comedy, full of gadgets, gizmos and goo, features an alienated family, an evil corporate empire and a team of pint-size villains. ANN HORNADAY

7 | G-Force

A dispiriting primer on the low regard Hollywood has for the intelligence and curiosity of children. DAN KOIS

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INGLOURIOUS BE: Brad Pitt, right, plays a good-ol'-boy Nazi hunter in "Basterds."

8 | Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

This might be the most enjoyable Harry Potter movie yet for people who don't particularly care about Harry Potter movies; fanatics might not be enchanted. DAN KOIS

9 | Ugly Truth

This delightful Mars-Venus skirmish set in a TV newsroom is a rom-com writ large and somehow made new again. RUTH MCCANN

10 | Post-Grad

This uneasy mix of family comedy, romance and recession horror story explores the fate of many of the Class of 2009's fragile graduates. DAN KOIS

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IN MUSIC WE TRUST

1 Catch AM In the P.M.

Poetic indie rocker AM — the band and the man; they both use the same two-letter moniker — are promoting the recently released album "Future Sons & Daughters," which has hints of Brazilian samba along with its signature haunting melodies. Is it Beck-goes-South-of-the-border or Gilberto-Gil-jams-with-Wilco? You decide at Iota on Sunday.

➜ *Iota Club and Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Sun., 8:30 p.m., $15; 703-522-8340, iotaclubandcafe.com. (Clarendon)*

top stops WEEKEND

2 A Tree Grows in NE

Small, perfect, beautifully groomed — no, that's not a description of the newest air-headed starlet but of the exquisitely tended treescapes at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum on the grounds of the the National Arboretum. The museum is dedicated to the art and spiritual quest of Japanese and Chinese plant-grooming techniques.

➜ *National Arborteum, 3501 New York Ave. NE; free; 202-245-2726, usna.usda.gov.*

3 Rebel, Africa

Danai Gurira's play "Eclipsed" opens at Woolly Mammoth Theatre on Monday and brings Liberian tensions front and center. The show features two captive wives (Uzo Aduba and Liz Femi Wilson, left) of a Liberian rebel officer who form a shaky sisterhood in the midst of a hellish civil war. Gurira's last show, "In the Continuum," was an off-Broadway smash.

➜ *Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, 641 D St. NW; opens Mon., through Sept. 27, $40-$62; 202-393-3939, woollymammoth.net. (Metro Center)*

SUHAIL MIR

4 String Theory

Virginia Virtuosi performs at the Corcoran as part of the last of the museum's Free Summer Saturdays this year. The troupe, known for bringing funky fun to classical masterpieces, connects music and art, Mozart and Prince.

➜ *Corcoran, 500 17th St. NW; Sat., 11 a.m., free; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org. (Farragut West)*

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➜ THURSDAY

9:30 Club: Collective Soul, Black Stone Cherry, Safety Suit, 7 p.m., $25.

Birchmere: Phil Vassar, 7:30 p.m., $59.50.

Black Cat: True Womanhood, Savoir Adore and Deleted Scenes, 9 p.m., $10.

Blues Alley: John Surman Quartet with Jack DeJohnette, 8 & 10 p.m., $35.

Bohemian Caverns: Wallace Roney, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $25.

Comet Ping Pong: Cale Parks, Lemonade, 8 p.m., $10.

Iota: Dean Fields with Tom Goss and Tom O'Connor, 9 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: Escape the Armada, the Potentials, Ill Angelic, According to Plan, 8 p.m., $10.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Herb & Hanson, 6 p.m., free.

The Red and the Black: Enemony, S. Noel Norman, 9 p.m., $6.

Twins Jazz: Brad Linde, Rodney Richardson Quartet, 9 p.m. and 11 p.m., $12.

Velvet Lounge: Gospel Gossip, 9 p.m., $8.

➜ FRIDAY

9:30 Club: No Scrub, with DJs Will Eastman and Brian Billion, 9 p.m., $10.

Birchmere: Dick Dale with Jimmy Dale, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Blues Alley: John Surman Quartet with Jack DeJohnette, 8 & 10 p.m., $35.

Bohemian Caverns: Wallace Roney, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $25.

DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., $6.

Iota: The Justin Trawick Group and Shane Gamble, 8:30 a.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: Paul and Storm, 7 p.m., $10; Future, Mem, 10 p.m., $10.

Merriweather Post Pavilion: The Flaming Lips, Explosions in the Sky, Stardeath and the White Dwarfs, 6 p.m., $30-$40.

The Red and the Black: Knock Off Johnson, the Wax Standard, Ho Chi Minh Quartet Offensive, Overkill Again, 9 p.m., $6.

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BLUES | LONG LIVE THE KING

VALERY HACHE

SWEET STRINGS: The blues may be stories of trouble and strife, harsh booze and tough women, but it does seem to keep a man young. Music legend B.B. King and his guitar, Lucille, sit a spell under the stars this Sunday night when Wolf Trap hosts the writer and performer who's kept the blues a part of the American conversation for more than 50 years.

The Rock and Roll Hotel: "Moonwalk's Prelude" (Michael Jackson Dance Party), 9 p.m., $15.

State Theatre: The Soft Parade, 7 p.m., $14.

Twins Jazz: Thad Wilson, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.

Velvet Lounge: Detox Retox, The Very Small, Soldier On Dear Friend, 10 p.m., $8.

➜ SATURDAY

9:30 Club: The Hold Steady, Iran, 6:30 p.m., $25.

Birchmere: Kim Waters, 7:30 p.m., $27.50.

Black Cat: These United States, Hoots & Hellmouth, Dusty Rhodes and the River Band, 9 p.m., $10.

Blues Alley: John Surman Quartet with Jack DeJohnette, 8 & 10 p.m., $35.

Bohemian Caverns: Wallace Roney, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $25.

Comet Ping Pong: Imperial China, the Tennis System, Themantis, 8 p.m., $8.

Iota: The Justin Trawick Group with the DJ Williams Projekt, 9:30 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: Hotspur, Elevation, the Influence, Matthew McGinn, 6 p.m., $10.

Nissan Pavilion: Kenny Chesney, Miranda Lambert, Lady Antebellum, 7:30 p.m., $30.50-$71.

The Red and the Black: The Valley Arena, Roadside Graves, 9 p.m., $6.

The Rock and Roll Hotel: Mother Mother, Paul Michel, We Were Pirates, 9:30 p.m., $10.

State Theatre: MJ Birthday Dance Party, 9 p.m., $10.

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Velvet Lounge: Drunken Banshees, 10 p.m., $8.

→ SUNDAY

Black Cat: The Scare, Landmines and Black Shade, 9 p.m., $8.

Blues Alley: Mark Prince, 8 & 10 p.m., $18.

Bohemian Caverns: Wallace Roney, 7 & 9 p.m., $25.

DC9: The Nine, hosted by Justin Trawick, 7:30 p.m., $8.

Galaxy Hut: Ilad, 9 p.m., $5.

Iota: The Rescues with AM, 8:30 p.m., $15.

Jaxx: Saliva, Smile Empty Soul, Taking Dawn, Sick Circle, 7 p.m., $25.

Merriweather Post Pavilion: Freefest with Blink-182, Weezer, Franz Ferdinand, Girl Talk, the Hold Steady, Public Enemy and more, 10 a.m., sold out.

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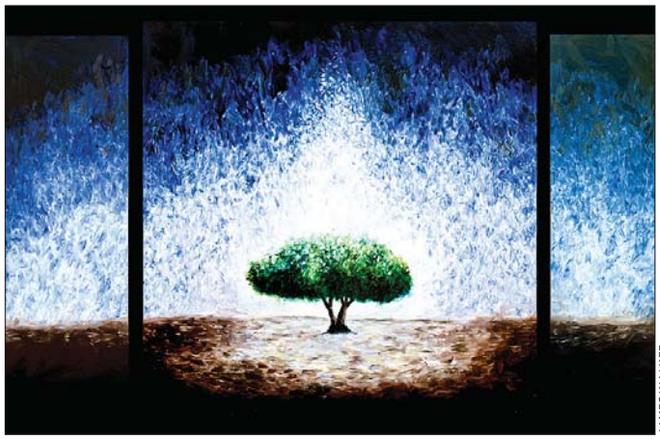

JAMES WALKER

HEALING POWER: Art fights back on Saturday as Art Whino and Life With Cancer host "The Art of Life," a one-night show featuring paintings by James Walker. The money raised will go toward cancer patient support programs.

The Red and the Black: Catfish Haven, Stranger Waves, 9 p.m., $8.

Velvet Lounge: Anthony Pirog (of Janel and Anthony, PRV Trio), Violet, 9 p.m., $8.

Wolf Trap: B.B. King, 8 p.m., $25-42.

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87Florida: "A New Currency: Shared Resources," Civilian Arts Project curates a show bringing together artistic reflections on the changing ideas of abundance and exchange, through Sept. 1. 87 Florida Ave. NW; 202-347-0022, 87florida.com.

Alexandria Black History Museum: Permanent and changing exhibitions highlighting Alexandria's rich history. 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-838-4356, oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc.

Anacostia Community Museum: "Jubilee: African American Celebration," a series of photographs of black cele-

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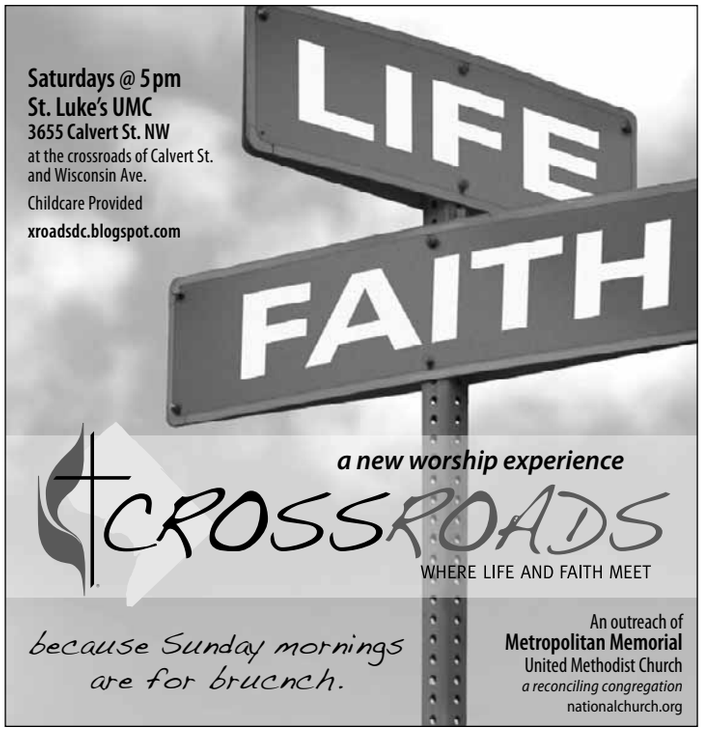

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The Art League Gallery: "Scapes: the International Landcape Show," Art League members exhibit work reflecting on the themes of landscape, destruction and conservation. "Taking Form," 3-D structures from 20 Art League artists, both through Sept. 7. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, theartleague.org.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Moving Perspectives: Shahzia Sikander/Sun Kun," small paintings from Sikander are set into motion while Kun's use of old newspapers and other material creates intricate webs of video stories, through Nov. 8. "The Tsars and the East: Gifts From Turkey and Iran in the Moscow Kremlin," rare and stunning treasures illustrate the relationship between 16th- and 17th-century Russia and two of its allies, through Sept. 13. "The Tale of Shuten Doji," Japanese storytelling is illustrated through a series of scrolls, screens and books, through Sept. 20. "Writing, Carving and Rubbing: China's Calligraphic Arts," through Oct. 26. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

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Civilian Arts Project: "Through the Green Fuse," multimedia layered collages from Laura Read reflect on the stillness of life. "Points of View," Tom Green paints near-abstract, symbol-infused images, through Sept. 5. 46 7th St. NW; 202-347-0022, civilianartsprojects.com.

Conner Contemporary Art: "Academy 2009," a selection of new art from outstanding graduates from regional colleges, through Sept. 1. 1358-60 Florida Ave. NE; 202-588-8750, connercontemporary.com.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "William Eggleston: Democratic Camera; Photographs and Video 1961–2008," compelling images from this pioneer of color photography, through Sept. 20. "Nature as Nation," 19th-century American landscape paintings. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

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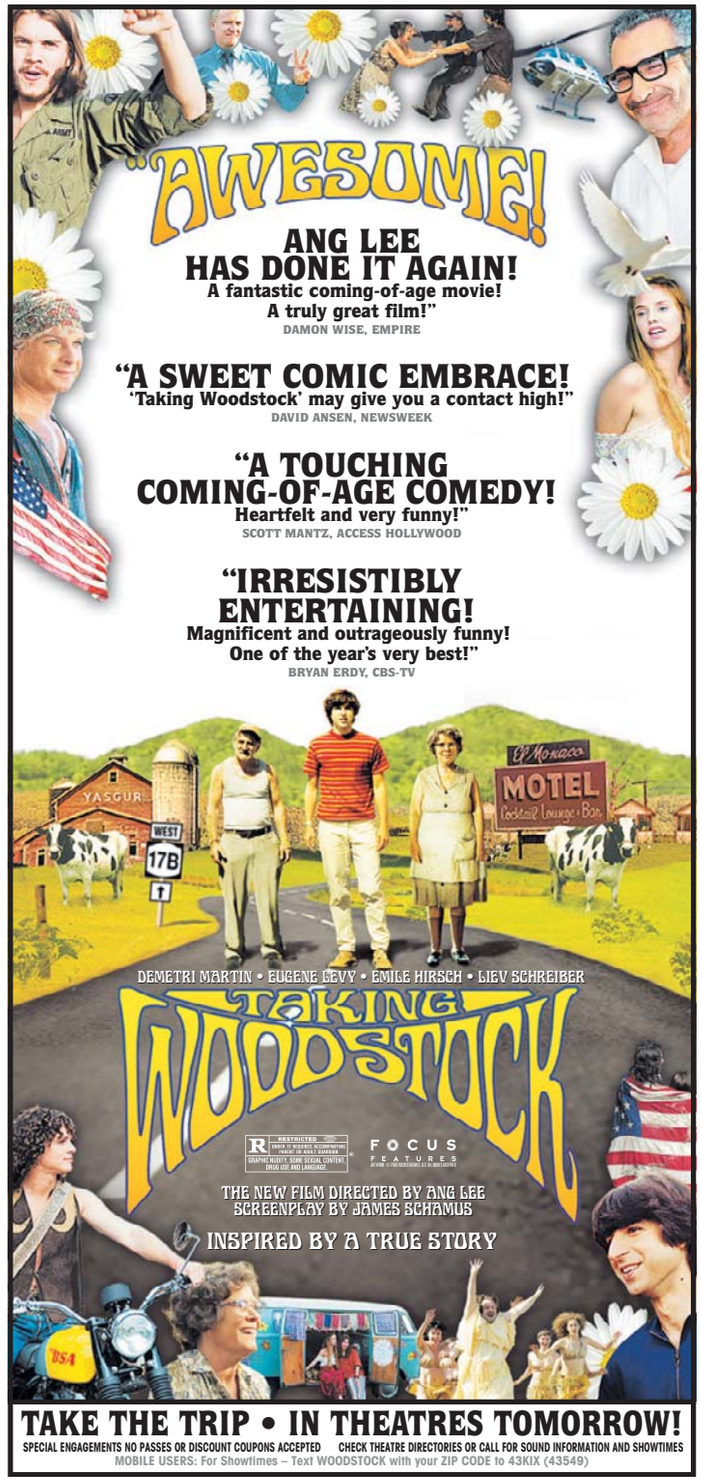

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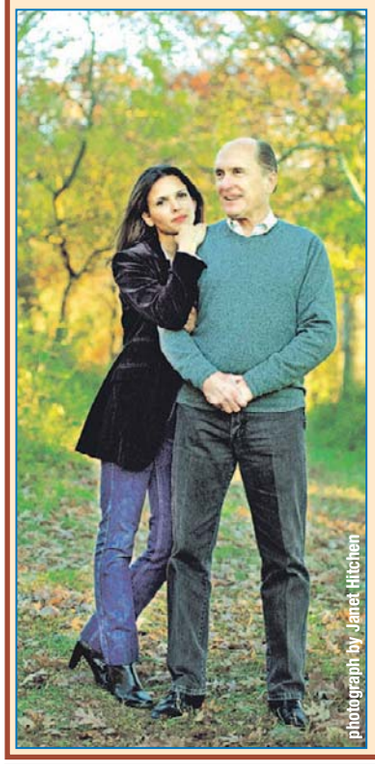
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LAST CHANCE Embassy of Chile: "Luz Benavente," organic and colorful abstract art from the Chilean painter, through Fri. 1732 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-785-1746, chile-usa.org.

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JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1240 340) 640 950
PONYO (G) (1250 320) 610 840
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (1225 310) 600 850
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (240 510) 750 1025
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (1210 230 500) 740 1010
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (130 400) 630 850
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (300 PM) 620 PM 945 PM
BANDSLAM (PG) (1220 PM)
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 PM)

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POST GRAD (PG-13) (115 330 530) 740 950
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1245 145 400 500) 715 815 1030
SHORTS (PG) (1250 300 510) 730 945
X GAMES 3D: THE MOVIE - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (230 500) 745 1015
OC & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (450 PM) 1030 PM
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (200 445) 720 1015
PONYO (G) (100 330) 645 910
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (145 430) 700 1000
BANDSLAM (PG) (130 PM)
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (215 PM) 745 PM
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (100 350) 650 940
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (120 355) 630 920
G-FORCE (PG) (210 440) 710 930
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (410 PM) 640 PM 915 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (415 PM) 800 PM

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

POST GRAD (PG-13) (1255 305 515) 805 1040
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1230 130 345 445) 700 800 1015
SHORTS (PG) (1225 240 450) 705 915
X GAMES 3D: THE MOVIE - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1235 250 505) 715 935
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (105 320 530) 815 1035
PONYO (G) (1225 255 520) 755 1025
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (115 215 400 500) 645 745 930 1030
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (200 440) 725 955
BANDSLAM (PG) (1240 PM)
OC: G.I. JOE (PG-13) (430 PM) 1020 PM
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (125 420) 720 1005
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (145 PM) 735 PM
G-FORCE (PG) (1245 300 510) 750 1000
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (315 PM) 630 PM 945 PM

MAJESTIC STADIUM 20
900 Ellsworth Dr, Silver Spring, MD 240-393-4826

HALLOWEEN 2 - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ 1201 AM
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1230 115 300 345 430) 615 700 745 930 1015
X GAMES 3D: THE MOVIE - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (200 415) 630 845 1100
POST GRAD (PG-13) (1210 240 500) 715 945
SHORTS (PG) (1200 215 425) 645 855
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 1220 220 310 455) 605 730 840 1005 1115
RW & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (130 400) 640 915
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 320 550) 800 1040
PONYO (G) (125 355) 650 925
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1215 150 245 435 515) 710 755 940 1030
BANDSLAM (PG) (1240 PM)
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (100 250 340 535) 625 820 910
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1205 PM)
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D (225 520) 810 1055
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 255 525) 750 1010
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1225 235 450) 705 920
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (105 420) 735 1045
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D (305 540) 815 1050

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HALLOWEEN 2 - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 200 415 530) 730 900
SHORTS (PG) (110 400) 645 930
POST GRAD (PG-13) (120 410) 720 950
RW & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (115 430) 710 945
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (215 500) 800 1035
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (145 425) 655 1030
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (140 450) 725 1015
BANDSLAM (PG) (105 PM)
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (125 210 420 510) 700 745 940 1025
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (440 PM) 740 PM 1010 PM
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (135 445) 735 1020
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D (405 PM) 650 PM 1000 PM
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G-FORCE (PG) (130 340) 630 920

BETHESDA 10
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POST GRAD (PG-13) (140 350) 600 810 1020
SHORTS (PG) (125 335 545) 755 1005
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (120 330 540) 750 1010
BANDSLAM (PG) (115 PM)
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (245 515) 745 1015
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (220 455) 730 1005
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (145 430) 715 1000
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (130 445) 740 1020
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (345 PM) 650 PM 955 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (200 PM 515 PM) 830 PM
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D (500 PM) 720 PM 940 PM

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ 1201 AM
HALLOWEEN 2 - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM
SHORTS (PG) (220 445) 705 925
POST GRAD (PG-13) (110 310 530) 750 1015
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (105 200 500) 630 845 940
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (125 345) 605 815 1030
PONYO (G) (235 510) 735 1005
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (145 225 425 515) 710 800 950 1030
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (210 450) 730 1000
BANDSLAM (PG) (100 PM)
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (205 PM)
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (150 430) 715 955
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (130 415) 700 945
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D (435 PM) 725 PM 1020 PM
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (155 420) 655 915
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (320 PM) 625 PM 935 PM

GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14
701 Seventh St NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#

INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1130 1200 250) 330 510 610 700 845 930 1020
X GAMES 3D: THE MOVIE - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1210 230 450) 715 940
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ 1201 AM
HALLOWEEN 2 - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM
POST GRAD (PG-13) (1220 240) 510 730 1000
OC & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D 345 PM 920 PM
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 300) 520 745 1015
PONYO (G) (1150 220) 445 710 945
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 145) 430 630 720 1010
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1140 215) 500 740 1025
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (100) 400 705 950
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (130) 435 750 1035
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (110 PM) 650 PM
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D 415 PM 1005 PM
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (1215 235) 515 735 1005
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (135 PM)

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
671 N Glebe Rd 800-FANDANGO 377#

POST GRAD (PG-13) (130 405) 720 1000
SHORTS (PG) (1230 255 515) 730 955
X GAMES 3D: THE MOVIE - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1220 250 520) 750 1020
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 300 530) 800 1035
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (100 200 350 450) 640 740 930 1030
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (110 210 410 510) 710 810 1010
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (305 PM) 620 PM 935 PM
G-FORCE (PG) (145 425) 650 915
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1245 PM 415 PM) 745 PM
ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS (PG) (1250 PM)
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) (120 PM) 700 PM
STAR TREK (PG-13) (355 PM) 945 PM

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
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FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ 1201 AM
HALLOWEEN 2 - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM
X GAMES 3D: THE MOVIE - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1210 240 510) 740
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1130 1230 130 300 400 500) 630 730 830 1000 1100
SHORTS (PG) (1145 210 430) 710 940
POST GRAD (PG-13) (1220 250 520) 745 1005
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (100 200 450) 700 800 1050
OC & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (350 PM) 950 PM
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 310 535) 810 1035
PONYO (G) (100 340) 620 855
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1255 345) 635 930
BANDSLAM (PG) (110 PM)
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (150 440) 750 1040 1130
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (120 420) 720 1020
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D 945 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1120 AM 245 PM) 615 PM
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D (410) 640 915 1150
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D 925 PM
G-FORCE (PG) (1200 220 445) 705

KINGSTOWNE STADIUM 16
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FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ 1201 AM
HALLOWEEN 2 - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ 1201 AM
HALLOWEEN 2 - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM
X GAMES 3D: THE MOVIE - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1220 250 520) 750
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1200 100 220 330 430 550) 700 800 920 1030
SHORTS (PG) (1230 300) 705 930
POST GRAD (PG-13) (1225 245 505) 725 945
OC & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (320 PM) 900 PM
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 140 425) 610 710 1000
PONYO (G) (125 400) 630 905
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (110 210 350 450) 640 740 925 1025
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 310 530) 755 1015
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JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1250 345) 650 950
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1205 325) 645 1005
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (440 PM) 715 PM 940 PM
G-FORCE (PG) (150 PM 415 PM) 635 PM
ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS (PG) (335 PM) 615 PM 845 PM
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) 855 PM
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (200 PM)
BANDSLAM (PG) (1255 PM)

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INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1230 140 345 500) 700 820 1015
POST GRAD (PG-13) (240 510) 715 930
SHORTS (PG) (150 430) 640 900
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 330) 610 850
RW & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (200 445) 740 1020
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (250 530) 810 1030
PONYO (G) (110 400) 630 920
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1240 210 320 450) 600 720 830 950
BANDSLAM (PG) (220 PM)
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (1235 130 310 420 550) 730 840 1010
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D 940 PM
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (100 350) 710 1000
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (520 PM) 750 PM 1025 PM
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1225 230 440) 650 910
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (300 PM) 620 PM

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

POST GRAD (PG-13) (145 425) 710 1000
X GAMES 3D: THE MOVIE - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (130 PM 400 PM) 720 PM
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (100 150 240 350 440 530) 640 730 820 930 1020
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (120 410) 700 940
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (200 450) 740 1010
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (105 PM 430 PM) 750 PM
ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS (PG) (140 420) 650 920
UP (PG) (110 340) 630 910
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ 1201 AM
HALLOWEEN 2 - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

POST GRAD (PG-13) (1245 330) 600 830
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1230 300 345) 615 700 930 1015
SHORTS (PG) (200 415) 645 900
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (250 530) 815 1040
PONYO (G) (115 445) 710 940
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1200 230 500) 730 1000
BANDSLAM (PG) (1220 PM)
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (215 515) 800 1045
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D 950 PM
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1215 315) 630 915
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (145 430) 715 1030
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (410 PM) 745 PM 1020 PM
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (130 400) 640 850
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (100 510) 750 1010
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (245 PM) 610 PM
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D ★ 1201 AM
HALLOWEEN 2 - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM

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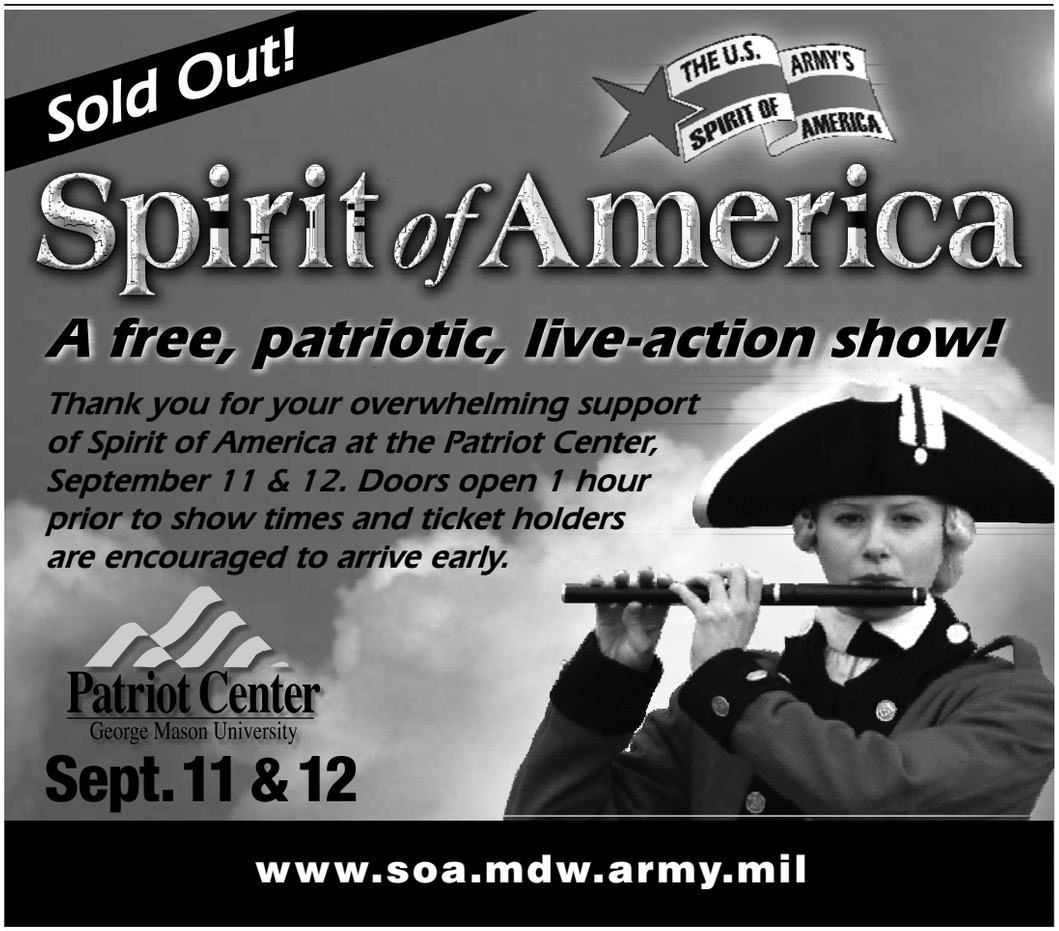

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2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55
PONYO (G)
1:50, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13)
12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
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G.I. JOE: RISE OF COBRA (PG-13)
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THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13)
9:50, 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13)
9:45, 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
(500) DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13)
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4:50, 9:35 PM
IN THE LOOP (NR)
2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50
COLD SOULS (PG-13)
1:50, 4:35, 7:35, 9:55
THE HURT LOCKER (R)
2:15, 5:15, 8:15
THIRST (R)
2:00, 5:00, 8:00
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GRILL MARKS | Barbecue is one of those divisive food subjects — are you in the Kansas City camp, the Memphis contingent or the North Carolina crowd? Wet mop or dry rub? You can find all of the classic sauces in local restaurants, but area chefs also offer tips on crafting your own barbecue sauce.

Stefanie Reiser of Jackson's Roasting & Carving in Arlington makes her own sauce, including one with espresso as its base.

"I played around with different recipes, since different regions all have different barbecue approaches," she says. "I grew up in Iowa, which is pork, so I have an affinity with Carolina barbecue, where pork is the thing for barbecue. Because Washington isn't thought of as a specific barbecue region — and there are so many people who come from other places — you can play to people's favorites and also introduce them to different sauces."

Reiser said if you start with vinegar, tomato and onions, sugar and a spice element, then you can play around with it, using molasses versus honey, for instance.

"Proportions don't have to be hard and fast," she said. "You can cut down on vinegar; you can add different types of chilies; you can use red pepper flakes; and you can make a unique sauce that could end up being a family recipe."

Reiser also recommends liquid smoke, which you can find at most grocery stores.

"It gives the flavor of smoked meat, so you don't have to cook the meat on a smoker," she says.

Bryan Moscatello, the executive chef at Zola and Potenza, also crafts several barbecue sauces, including a kumquat-infused one for a shrimp dish at Zola.

"I use citrus as the main component, and it's most of the acid," he said. "Then vegetables, tomatoes, dried fruits. I also use a decent amount of spice, paprika and chipotle."

Moscatello advises to "go with the flow" when making barbecue sauce.

"By that I mean it needs to cook, it needs to develop flavor, it needs to meld," he says. "It's not a quick sauce, and it's always good to make the barbecue specific to what I'm serving it with."

JASON HORNICK

Corey Tuck, manager at Jackson's Roasting & Carving, prepares the restaurant's homemade "Giddy-Up" barbeque sauce.

Start with vinegar, tomato, onions, sugar and a spice element, then you can play around with your sauce.

David Varley, executive chef at Bourbon Steak, calls barbecue sauce "a really personal thing."

"Take your time," Varley says. "If you don't have a smoker, try doing it roasting the vegetables. Get the caramelizing right and make sure you taste the whole way to track developments. If it needs more garlic, you can add more. It's about tinkering."

Reiser says you can even start with a bottled sauce as a base.

"Change it up from there," she says. "Add bacon, sautéed vegetables, bourbon. What's the worst that could happen? You waste a jar of sauce." AMY CAVANAUGH

➜ *Bourbon Steak, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-944-2026, fourseasons.com/washington/dining/bourbon_steak.*

➜ *Jackson's Roasting and Carving, 933 N. Quincy St., Arlington; 703-312-1073, jacksonsfamous.com.*

➜ *Zola, 800 F St. NW; 202-654-0999, zoladc.com. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

Caffeine in Overdrive

Mid City Caffé brews up a refined cuppa joe near Logan Circle

BEANTOWN | A new cafe has been brewing on 14th Street NW, in the space above Miss Pixie's furniture shop. Dubbed Mid City Caffé, the shop — the brainchild of graphic designer Fernando Acha and Mick Mier, owner and designer of D.C.'s 1905 restaurant — has a wholly retro vibe.

The space hasn't strayed far from its auto-shop roots, with "Strut" and "Shocks" signs visible on the windows. Vinyl banquettes mimic a vintage car interior, while Pop-style art on the walls adds to the postwar vibe.

For eats, the cafe keeps it simple with pastries, muffins and New York-style bagels from local bakeries; yogurt and granola; and cakes, including sweet potato with cream cheese frosting, displayed on old-fashioned glass plates.

The coffee options are a far cry from your standard Starbucks fare. "We don't want it to be that assembly-line coffee shop," says Mier. So each serving of Counter Culture coffee (or espresso or cappuccino) will be ground on its own and made to order — by French press or pour-over method — to ensure the freshest cup of joe. DANIELLE O'STEEN

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Tenpenh's soft shell crab banh mi "BLT" is a culture-mixing crunch of a sandwich.

Not the Same Old Fish Story

Two restaurants give seafood a spicy new lease on fresh taste

CHANGE UP | Seafood is a summer staple in heat-stifled D.C., and restaurants are finding zingy new ways to take briny protein beyond grilled and pan-seared fillets.

At BlackSalt Fish Market and Restaurant in Palisades, a Provençal seafood stew combines shrimp, mussels and fresh fish in a savory saffron base.

For dinner, BlackSalt has a rotation of stew specials based on whatever looks best at the market. Once that seafood is added to the other flavors and textures in the stews, it attains an almost meaty essence.

"I think because of the amount of protein in it, it does have that hearty effect," said executive chef Danny Wells. "But seeing that it's almost entirely seafood, it's still kind of light at the same time. It satisfies both things, but it's not overbearing."

Downtown, Tenpenh has plenty of interpretations for fish, but each has a distinctly modern, playful feel epitomized by the soft shell crab banh mi "BLT," a mishmash of Eastern, Western and local ideas that somehow melds into a coherent whole. The new take on the traditional Vietnamese banh mi sandwich has a pungent black garlic remoulade and well-cooked crab that combines tenderness and a bit of crunch.

"That's pretty much deep fried," said executive chef Cliff Wharton. "Normally, I like my softshells pan-seared, but for sandwich purposes, I wanted to do it that way."

Instead of a heavy tempura, Wharton opted for a light flour coating. he said. The bacon, the cucumber and the smoked tofu all accent that softshell."

ROB MARGETTA

➜ *BlackSalt Fish Market and Restaurant, 4883 MacArthur Blvd. NW; 202-342-9100, blacksaltrestaurant.com.*

➜ *Tenpenh, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-393-4500, tenpenh.com (Archives-Navy Memorial)*

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Hirshhorn: "Directions — Walead Beshty: Legibility on Color Backgrounds," rethink perceptions on art and photography, through Sept. 13. "Black Box," short surrealist films from Guido Van der Werve, through Oct. 11. "Strange Bodies: Figurative Works From the Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

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Irvine Contemporary: "Introductions5" fifth-annual mixed-media exhibition of recent art college graduates, through Sept. 5. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Gaza Conversations," mixed-media works and paintings from three artists provide a visual, continuing response to the tragedies in Gaza, through Sept. 4. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org.

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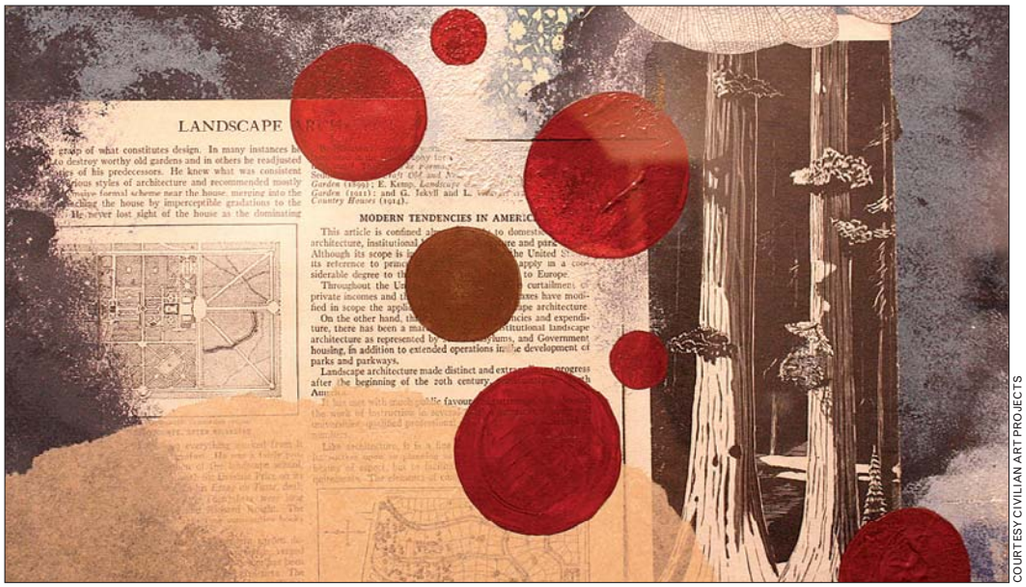

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St. NW; 202-728-1628, instituteofmexicodc.org.

National Air and Space Museum: "Alan Bean: Painting Apollo, First Artist on Another World," reflections and paintings from the fourth man on the moon; ongoing exhibitions and the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft in the world. 6th & Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

National Building Museum: "Green Community," learn about what it means to "go green" as an entire community and tips for making your own life more eco-friendly, through Oct. 25. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art, East Building: "In the Tower: Philip Guston," exploration of the stylistic journey and works of painter Philip Guston, through Sept. 13. "Luis Melendez: Master of the Spanish Still Life," 31 culinary-themed paintings from the 18th-century painter, through Aug. 23. **National Gallery of Art, West Building:** "The Budapest Horse: A Leonardo Da Vinci Mystery," through Sept. 7. "Edouard Manet's 'Ragpicker,'" the pathos-heavy painting is exhibited for a limited time in cooperation with the Norton Simon Foundation, through Sept. 7. "The Antiquity of Imagination: Tullio Lombardo and Venetian High Renaissance Sculpture," through Nov. 1. "The Art of Power: Royal Armor and Portraits From Imperial Spain," armor and its use in maintaining the imperial mystique, through Nov. 1. "Designing the Lincoln Memorial: Daniel Chester French & Henry Bacon," features a plaster final model of the statue, through Feb. 2010. Permanent exhibit, European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts from the 13th through the 19th centuries. 6th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, nga.gov.

National Geographic: "Kodachrome Culture, the American Tourist in Europe," more than 100 photos from the archives celebrate an era of peacetime traveling captured in a nearly extinct format, through Sept. 7. "Lions and Leopards: The Work of Dereck & Beverly Joubert," through Oct. 4. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

National Museum of African Art: "Artful Animals," a family-friendly exhibition provides a new look into Africa and its animals, through Feb. 21, 2010. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, africa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: The newly light-filled space contains an array of ongoing exhibitions, including "The Scurlock Studio and Black Washington: Picturing the Promise," through Feb. 2010, "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem," "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America," "Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian," the Declaration of Independence and many more, permanent collection. 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "Ramp It Up: Skateboard Culture in Native America," photos, film and other displays celebrate the spread of skating, through Nov. 1. Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection. 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nmai.si.edu.

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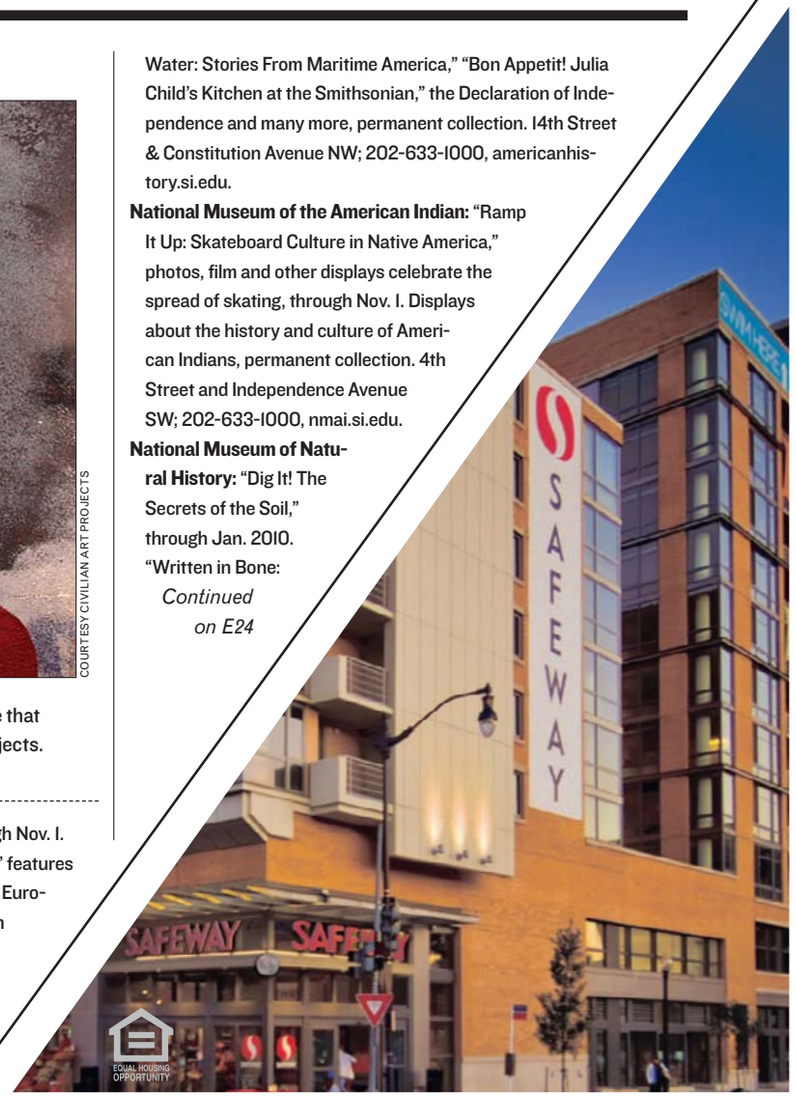

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National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Mary McFadden: Goddesses," exhibition of gowns, clothing and jewelry from the American fashion designer. "Fashion Forward: Photographs by Louise Dahl-Wolfe," shots from the iconic, irreverent photographer. "Picturing Progress: Hungarian Women Photographers 1900-1945," Hungarian history, as recorded through 80 photographs, all through Aug. 30. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "One Life: Thomas Paine, the Radical Founding Father," through Nov. 29. "Portraiture Now: Feature Photography," through Sept. 27. "Presidents in Waiting," through Jan. 3, other permanent exhibitions, 2010. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Fotobama: Picturing the President," through Sept. 7. "Manhunt: Chasing Lincoln's Killer," how developments in journalism helped the pursuit of John Wilkes Booth. "Our World at War: Photojournalism Beyond the Front Lines," Red Cross-comissioned photographers illustrate the effects of war on eight countries, through Sept. 7. "Woodstock at 40: the Rise of Music Journalism," photographs and artifacts from the seminal event illustrate the doorway to a new world of music and journalism, through Oct. 31. "G-Men and Journalists," a history of media cover-

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The Phillips Collection: "Early Moderns: A Celebration of Gifts From Gifford and Joann Phillips," through Sept. 6. "Paint Made Flesh," the sensual and metaphorical properties of human flesh are explored in a series of post-1950s paintings, through Sept. 13. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, phillipscollection.org.

Project 4 Gallery: "Rusty Wolfe," paintings from the Nashville artist mimic the landscape as seen from an airplane, through Aug. 31. 1353 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: "Staged Stories: Renwick Craft Invitational 2009," Christyl Boger, Mark Newport, Mary Van Cline and SunKoo Yuh handle ceramic and fiber past traditional limits of functionality and focus on the narrative qualities of their material, through Jan. 3, 2010. "1934: A New Deal for Artists," paintings spawned from the first federally funded program for the arts, through Jan. 3, 2010. "The Honor of Your Company Is Requested," President Abraham Lincoln's inaugural ball, through Jan. 18. Permanent collection, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

The Textile Museum: "Constructed Color," quilts from the Amish celebrate the diversity of creation in that community, through Sept. 6, 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

Touchstone Gallery: 406 7th St. NW; "My Space on 7th," 90 local artists exhibit work in this non-juried third-annual showcase, through Sept. 4. 202-347-2787, touchstonegallery.com.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Heroes of Horticulture," the story of 22 history-watching plant sites from across the nation, through Oct. 12. "Flora: Growing Inspirations," work from artists from the U.S. and Zimbabwe and presented in cooperation with the Washington Sculptors Group, through Oct. 12. "African-American Gardens: Places of the Spirit." Permanent exhibitions of more than 4,000 plants and a tropical rain forest. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

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Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars: "Prague Through the Lens of the Secret Police," photos taken in the course of police surveillance during the communist regime, presented by the Embassy of the Czech Republic, through Sept. 20. 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-274-9105, ustrcr.cz/en/exhibitions.

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LAST CHANCE Acts of Love: A festival from the Keegan Theatre explores young love through the eyes of three generations; "False Romance: An Intergalactic Farce by Joe Baker plays this week, festival through Sat, $15-$30. Church Street Theater, 1742 Church St. NW; 703-892-0202, keegan theatre.com.

A Passion for Justice: Evolution-arguing lawyer Charles Darrow's life is explored through his greatest speeches in a one-man play starring Paul Morella, through Sept. 13, $39-$49. Olney Theatre, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Dance D.C. Festival: A wide swath of dance forms are represented in this festival put on by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Sat. 8 p.m. & Sun., 7 p.m., free, but tickets are required. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600, danceplace.org.

Dirty Blonde: Emily Skinner plays the innuendo-dropping bombshell Mae West in Claudie Shear's multiple Tony Award-nominated examination of the life of the peroxide princess and one of her biggest fans, through Oct. 4, $59-$64. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703- 820-9771, sig-online.org.

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Pete has harsh words for getting old.

Guitarist's Rock of Aging

Pete Townshend puts his angst into a stage show titled 'Floss'

PLAY | Pete Townshend once wrote "I hope I die before I get old."

Now the 64-year-old guitarist and songwriter for British rock band The Who says he is at work on a new stage musical about the aging process.

Townshend says "Floss" will focus on a pub-rock musician and his troubled relationship with his wife, who runs a riding stable.

He says he wants to use the angry medium of rock 'n' roll to take on issues of aging and mortality facing the baby boomers.

Songs from "Floss" will appear on a new Who album due out next year,

Townshend says he is in talks with New York producers about staging the show in 2011.

Townshend's previous "rock operas" include "Quadrophenia" and "Tommy." Both started as albums and later became films and stage musicals. (AP)

Fame Becomes Him

Gerard Butler slides easily into the role of big-time Hollywood actor and celebrity

Q&A | In the action film "Gamer," (out Sept. 4) video games have conjoined with reality, and gamers can control the lives of real people from the comfort of their couches. It can sound a little like today's Hollywood: teenage boys rule the world.

The star of "Gamer," Gerard Butler, has seen his star rise thanks to that very demographic, who have cheered him in "300," Guy Ritchie's "RocknRolla" and the 2001 TV series "Attila," his early breakthrough.

But the Scottish actor has proven just as appealing to women. He's been labeled a full-fledged sex symbol after performances in the 2007 romance "P.S. I Love You" and this summer's romantic comedy "The Ugly Truth."

This fall, he'll co-star with Jamie Foxx in "Law Abiding Citizen," the first film Butler has produced. He's also recently been filming "The Bounty" with Jennifer Aniston in New York.

What's the last year or so been like, as fame has come quickly?
It's been a mixture of learning to adjust to slightly different realities in terms of your career, how you're viewed by the industry and the public and in terms of how you're viewed when you walk down the bloody street. It's been a mixture of coming to terms with that and then relaxing into it and really enjoying it.

BRUCE GILBERT/AP

HE'S A LOOKER: Gerard Butler's face has recently launched a thousand scripts — well, at least three or four. Expect to see him in a plethora of films in the next year.

It appears that you wear fame well. You've artfully denied tabloid rumors about you and Aniston with sarcasm.
That got me into trouble once in Britain when they were asking me about James Bond. I was so sick about being asked about James Bond — it was before Daniel Craig had taken the role. They said, "So is it true about Bond?" And I said, "Yeah, I'm in talks with [producer] Barbara Broccoli." Thought it was funny but the next day in the Scottish papers — they took one part of it and said: "Gerald Butler is going to be the next James Bond." That's when you think, "Should I just lose my sense of humor completely?"

Have you seen a change in the scripts you're offered?
What I notice is the scripts have become, one, of a far higher quality, and, two, more diverse. It's not all action, it's not all comedy, it's not all romantic comedy. I'm getting all sorts of scripts.

Have you admired the arc of anyone's career in particular?
Paul Newman, Steve McQueen could do a drama, but then also do comedy. ... The kind of career trajectory that I've had, a more modern example, would be a Mel Gibson.

JAKE COYLE (AP)

CASTING **Getting Serious** Elizabeth Banks is in final negotiations to star in "The Next Three Days" for writer-director Paul Haggis. Banks would play the lead role of Laura, a woman who is imprisoned for a murder she claims she didn't commit; her husband, the recently cast Russell Crowe, desperately tries to vindicate her. The suspense drama is a remake of the 2008 French thriller "Pour Elle," which was written and directed by Fred Cavaye. Filming is scheduled to begin next month. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

Better Late Than Hungry

Restaurant Week isn't over yet, and there's still time to reserve a table and get eating

FOOD | D.C. Restaurant Week is in full swing, and even those among us who've taken their time in making reservations can still take advantage of prix fixe menus offering $20 lunches and $35 dinners. Here's a rundown of the best places that — as of this writing — still have reservations available for Friday night.

DINO: This Cleveland Park Italian spot is one of our favorites for RW. No special menus for them — you can choose anything off the regular menu. Dino is also offering discounted vino from its spectacular wine list, a deal that should be trumpeted on its own. Bonus: Dino is extending its Restaurant Week specials through mid-September.

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SEI: This new-ish sushi spot is stretching its RW deals through Sept. 30. It offers a wide range of discounted ordering options, and the sushi here is some of D.C.'s finest. And it's nice to find some vaguely affordable sushi in the city now that our old favorite, Sushi Taro, has gone untouchably upscale.

DC COAST: Here's another spot where the full entree menu is available during RW, although the appetizer and dessert offerings have been trimmed. Watch out for upcharges on steak and lobster.

KATHERINE FREY/TWP

Dino's Burrata appetizer is a mozzarella and cream creation served with black olive tapenade, roasted red pepper tapenade and roasted red tomatoes.

VIDALIA: This ultra-expensive, incredibly delicious Southern joint is a treat most of us can only enjoy during RW, so snag a spot if you can — reservations here always go quickly. Yes, it's a special menu, but it's incredibly long and tasty-looking — we're about ready to storm the kitchen after reading the words "Meyer lemon and goat cheese Bavarian with blackberries and olives" — and extended through Sept. 6.

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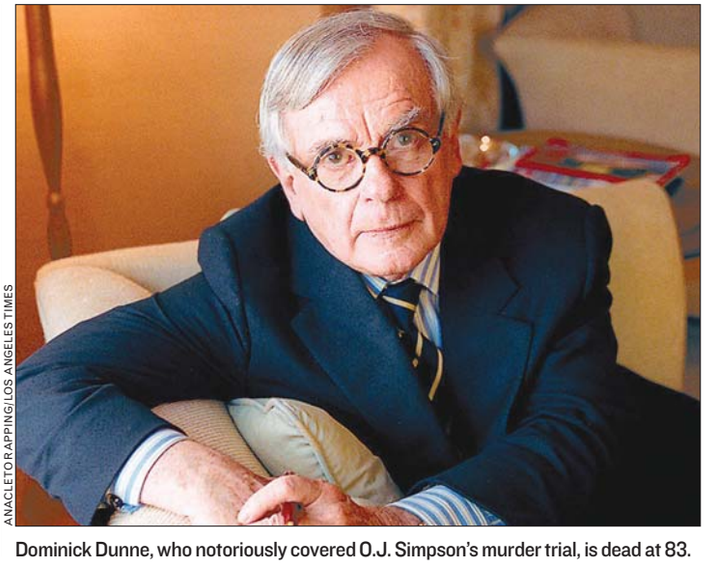
Murder, He Wrote — and More

Dominick Dunne brought drama to true-crime coverage

OBIT | Author Dominick Dunne, who told stories of shocking crimes among the rich and famous through his magazine articles and best-selling novels, died Wednesday in his home at age 83.

His son, actor-director Griffin Dunne, said that Dunne had been battling bladder cancer for some time. He died Wednesday at his home in Manhattan.

Dominick Dunne didn't let his cancer stop him from working. In September, against his doctor's orders and his family's wishes, he flew to Las Vegas to attend O.J. Simpson's kidnap-robbery trial — a postscript to his coverage of Simpson's 1995 murder trial.



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Dominick Dunne, who notoriously covered O.J. Simpson's murder trial, is dead at 83.

Born in 1925 in Hartford, Conn., Dunne was part of a famous family that included his brother, novelist and screenwriter John Gregory Dunne; his brother's wife, author Joan Didion; and his son, Griffin. His daughter, actress Dominique Dunne, was slain in 1982.

Dunne discontinued his column at Vanity Fair to concentrate on finishing another novel, "Too Much Money," which is to come out in December. POLLY ANDERSON (AP)

BIOGRAPHY Band of Brothers A&E is moving forward with a reality series involving the brothers of the late Michael Jackson. The series' working title is "Jackson Family Dynasty." A&E's original one-hour documentary — completed before the singer died — will serve as the show's first episode. A&E plans to launch the series this year. Producer Jodi Gomes of Point 7 Entertainment said the series will show the brothers dealing with matters related to the King of Pop's passing and issues in their own lives. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

WILLIAM CLAXTON/SONY BMG

Dylan is the anti-Scrooge this year.

That's the Spirit, Bob

CHRISTMAS | Bob Dylan is releasing his first Christmas album, and in the spirit of the holiday season, the legendary performer is donating his royalties to charity.

A statement by Columbia Records says "Christmas in the Heart" will be released Oct. 13. Dylan's U.S. royalties will go to the organization Feeding America. It's estimated that will help feed 1.4 million families during the holidays. (AP)

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Q What zoo animal do you most relate to?

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1. "The birds. I'm loud and I want to fly," Teryn Dobbins. **2. "A white tiger,"** April Preston. **3. "A fox,"** Ari Krause. **4. "The prairie dogs,"** Patrick Quill. **5. "The pandas,"** Emma Houghton. **6. "An orangutan. One of them threw up on me,"** Doug Houghton. **7. "The aardvark,"** Jeremy Knobel. **8. "The elephant. You walk around and enjoy the scenery. Unless mice get in the way,"** Jorge Edwards. **9. "Giraffe,"** Matt Cochrane. **10. "Any other big flying bird you can eat,"** The Colonel.

ROBYN MINCHER

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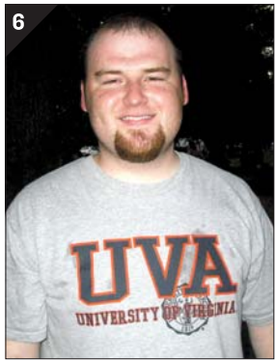
"A fox. Foxes are the slyest creatures known to men."



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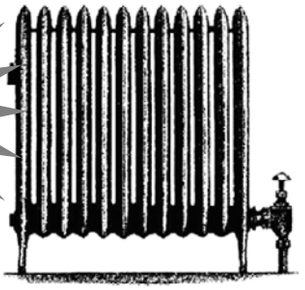

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Strong Family Values

A prominent American clan is honored on 'Kennedy Brothers'

TRAGEDY | Chris Matthews hosts the hour-long documentary "The Kennedy Brothers: A Hardball Documentary" (7 p.m., MSNBC), looking back at the ways that Kennedy brothers John, Robert and Ted changed both the practice and promise of American politics.

The recent deaths of Eunice Kennedy Shriver at age 88 and Sen. Ted Kennedy at 77 serve as reminders that time has caught up with Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy's brood. When the Kennedys arrived on the national scene, they were symbols of youth and, to use one of the 35th president's favorite words, "vigor."

When Robert Kennedy paid tribute to his murdered brother at the 1964 convention, he did a rather remarkable thing. He quoted Shakespeare ("Romeo and Juliet," to be exact).

"When he shall die, take him and cut him out into the stars and he shall make the face of heaven so fine that all the world will be in love with night and pay no worship to the garish sun."

Kennedy seemed to touch on something powerful and enduring. In one of the most emotionally charged speeches in 20th-century political history, RFK was warning his listeners, his party and his country that to dwell on the past and on the tragic and on what might have been was to lose sight of the future. Decades later, Robert Kennedy's poetic warning about the allure of morbid nostalgia rings more true than ever. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

AP

Sen. Edward Kennedy, right, shown here with his brothers, died Tuesday at 77.

tonight's lineup

DANCE YOUR HEART OUT
Indiana students compete to put on the best show in the documentary **GUYS 'N DIVAS: BATTLE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS** (8:30 p.m., Showtime).

WEARABLE ART
The six-part documentary series **MARKED** (9 p.m., History) will explore the use of ink and marking throughout history, and visit with extreme contemporary subcultures that use skin art as a means of personal expression and community identity. It will also discuss how rituals of pain, marking and initiation have changed.

SOMEONE'S OUT
Heidi Klum hosts **PROJECT RUNWAY** (10 p.m., Lifetime).

OFF HER ROCKER
Hank treats a woman with visions in the season finale of **ROYAL PAINS** (10 p.m., USA).

A SHOW ABOUT NOTHING
Larry David is scheduled on a rerun **THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART** (11 p.m., Comedy Central).

INTERVIEW WITH THE FIGHTER
Conan O'Brien hosts Mike Tyson and Matisyahu on **THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., NBC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

MATT SAYLES/AP

Join Heidi Klum for the the second episode of "Project Runway" season six.

REMAKES **Risque Business** MTV is developing a stateside version of the raunchy U.K. series "Skins" — but will the network be able to capture the appeal of the original? The U.K version follows an ensemble of British teens and contains foul language, drug use and nudity. The show will cast teenage unknowns to star and employ young, first-time writers. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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DO YOU SUPPORT THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CIA'S INTERROGATION TACTICS?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

NO 68%

YES 32%

"I didn't even support restricting the tactics, I definitely don't support investigating them. Fighting a politically correct, 'more sensitive' war on terror is the height of stupidity."

COMMENTER UNCUFF THE CIA

"Most definitely. It was an ugly stain on America and for everything we are suppose to stand for. Time to come clean."

COMMENTER FRANK

"What's to investigate? The Administration officials who approved them knew they were wrong and the interrogators who used them knew they were wrong. New guidelines have been issued."

COMMENTER FEDWEB

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A WASHINGTONPOST.COM COMMENTER SCOFFS AT A RECENT ARTICLE STATING THAT DESPITE THE DOWNTURN, CUPCAKE SALES ARE STILL BOOMING IN THE D.C. AREA.

"It's part tense World War II thriller, part over-the-top gore fest and a 100 percent Jewish revenge fantasy."

JOSHUA GARDNER, COORDINATOR FOR THE WASHINGTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL, WRITES AT 16THSTREETJ.WORDPRESS.COM THAT QUENTIN TARANTINO'S "INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS" IS "ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS."

"No Kennedy story [is] complete without Chappaquiddick, but Mary Jo Kopechne as a trending topic? Some of the comments [are] pretty harsh."

ON TWITTER.COM/HOWARDKURTZ, THE WASHINGTON POST'S MEDIA CRITIC COMMENTS ON THE OVERLOAD OF POSTS ABOUT THE WOMAN WHO DIED IN A 1969 CAR ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE LATE-SENATOR IN MARTHA'S VINEYARD.

"D.C. WAS NOT represented in the [Camilo Jose] Vergara exhibit, but storefront churches in some D.C. neighborhoods are abundant."

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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
A thunderstorm	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Mostly sunny
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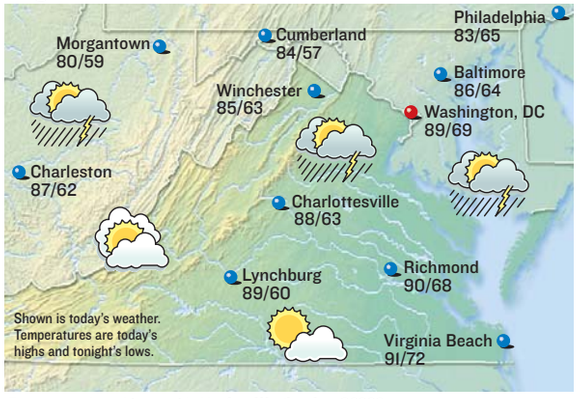
Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	90°
Low	71°
Normal high	85°
Normal low	67°
Average humidity	57%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	2.31"
Normal month to date	2.86"
Year to date	26.51"
Last year to date	32.88"
Normal year to date	25.68"

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Regional Forecast

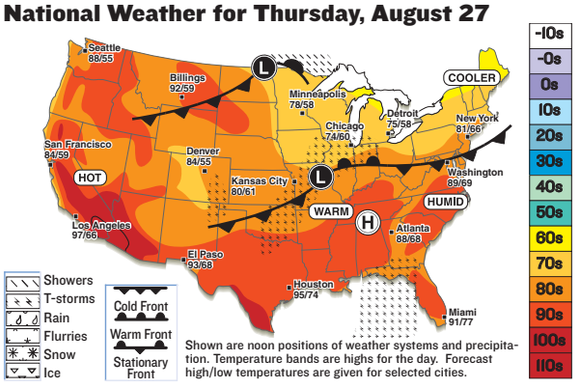
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, a thunderstorm. High 89. Wind north-northeast 4-8 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 69. Wind east-northeast 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:33 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:46 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:37 p.m.
Moonset today	11:51 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 27	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18

National Weather for Thursday, August 27



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	88/68/t	83/68/t
Boston	76/56/s	70/56/s
Chicago	74/60/sh	77/60/t
Dallas	94/72/t	92/71/pc
Denver	84/55/s	90/53/s
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/75/s
Los Angeles	97/66/s	97/66/s
Miami	91/77/t	89/76/t
New York City	81/66/s	76/67/pc
Orlando	92/76/t	90/75/t
Seattle	88/55/pc	71/56/pc

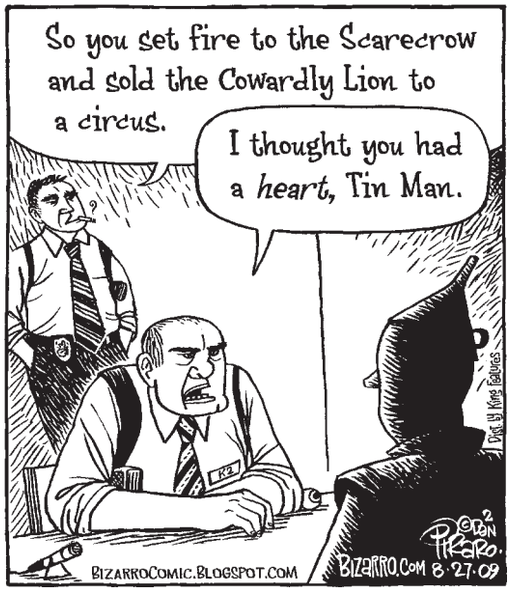
World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	73/57/c	70/54/r
Athens	88/72/s	90/72/s
Berlin	80/63/pc	79/54/pc
Buenos Aires	77/61/s	81/63/s
Calgary	78/48/s	72/48/s
Dublin	63/50/r	64/48/sh
Geneva	83/58/s	80/55/s
Moscow	72/55/pc	72/52/sh
Rome	88/68/pc	88/68/s
Sydney	73/50/s	75/55/s
Tokyo	82/73/pc	86/77/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

comics lookout

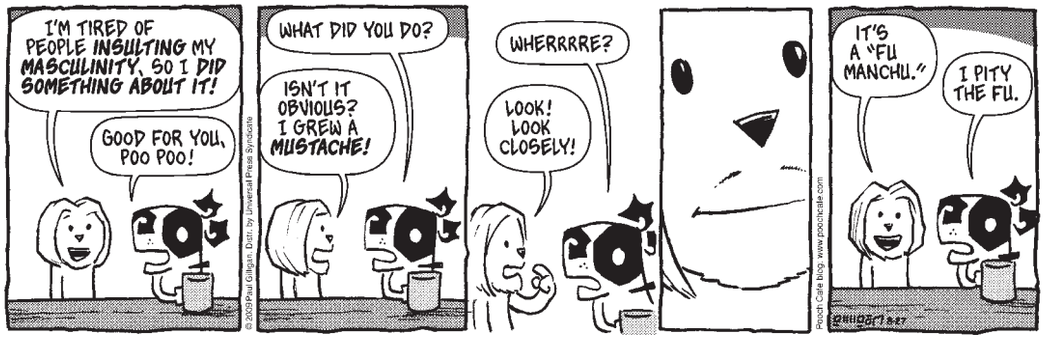
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*



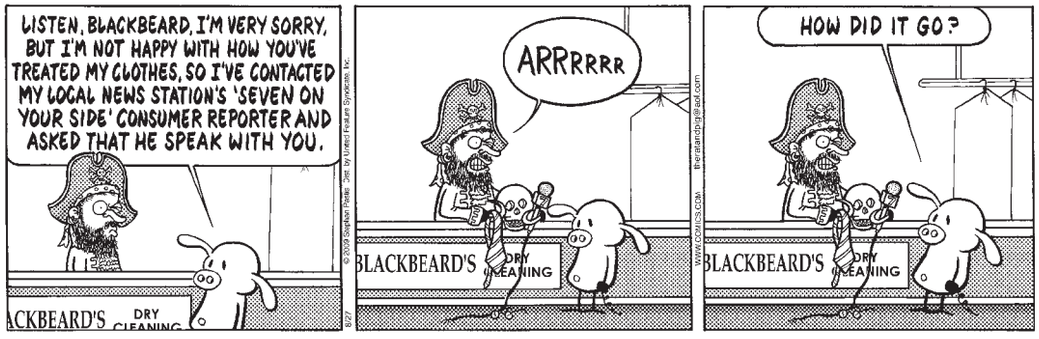
Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"Nine years of college for this?"

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Now is no time for bluster and bombast. It's important to deliver the goods, and focus on getting results, even in a tough situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today, you are likely to stumble upon a piece of personal information that sheds light on something that happened years ago.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The people who are most important to you may also prove most difficult to get along with — except after dark, when fun is key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're approaching a milestone of sorts, so it's a good time to take an honest look back and see just how you got where you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The moment you let someone else call the shots, you'll be increasing the danger factor considerably. Your issues are your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) What you hear through the grapevine mustn't get under your skin. Realize that people talk about you much of the time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You needn't follow any timeline, but you're going to want to get things done in the proper order. Some rules are worth following.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The first part of your day may well prove busier than expected, and as a result you'll be more than ready for some relaxation after dark.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Sure, you need your rest, but you are chasing a certain prize and the winner will be the one who can go the distance, and then some.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others are full of advice, but remember that no one has gone through what you have — at least not in the same way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You've been relying on someone for quite some time, but he or she may be ready to move on down another road. Are you willing to let go?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The possible and the impossible are likely to be intertwined, but the unexpected can certainly win you raves.

Today in History

1859 Edwin L. Drake drills the first successful oil well in the United States, at Titusville, Pa.

1883 The island volcano Krakatoa blows up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claims some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

1908 Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, is born near Stonewall, Texas.

1962 The United States launches the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus in December 1962

1975 Haile Selassie, the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, dies in Addis Ababa at age 83 — almost a year after being overthrown.

2006 A Comair CRJ-100 crashes after trying to take off from the wrong runway in Lexington, Ky., killing 49 people and leaving the co-pilot the sole survivor.

2008 Barack Obama is nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

AP

Lyndon Baines Johnson was born on this day in 1908 near Stonewall, Texas.

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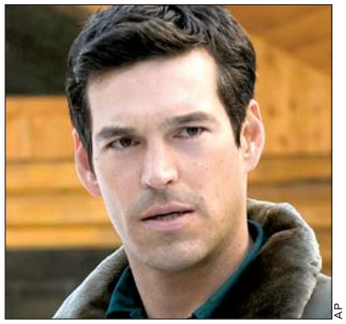

AP

Fame is spread by brazen affairs, careless homewrecking and sneezing.

CONTAGIOUS

Actor Catches Fame From Girlfriend

EDDIE CIBRIAN is divorcing his wife of nearly eight years. Court records show the 36-year-old actor filed for divorce on Monday. The divorce petition cites "irreconcilable differences." Cibrian is dating LeAnn Rimes; the pair are rumored to have had an extramarital affair. (AP)

PATHETIC

Singer Arrested for Misdemeanor Laziness

PATRICK STUMP of Fall Out Boy was arrested in Los Angeles on a two-year-old warrant for driving without a valid license. Court records show Stump failed to appear on a misdemeanor driving without a valid driver's license case in June 2007. A judge issued a warrant for his arrest at the time. (AP)

RICHARD DREW/AP

STUNT CASTING

Kate Strikes Again

ABC is adding **KATE GOSSELIN** to the list of guest co-hosts for "The View." The celerity mom will be subbing for regular "View" co-host Elisabeth Hasselbeck on Sept. 14 and 15. Hasselbeck is on maternity leave after giving birth to her third child, Isaiah, earlier this month. ABC previously announced Meghan McCain, E.D. Hill and LaToya Jackson as guest co-hosts for the show. (AP)

CAREERS

Puppet Co-Stars = Time for New Agent

The upper-left hand corner of this page must be really cool.

JAKE GYLLENHAAL, Ben Stiller and Christina Applegate are just a few of the stars slated to appear in a new "Sesame Street"-style production geared at teaching Jewish-American children about Jewish culture. "Shalom Sesame," a 12-part series for preschoolers featuring the globe-trotting Muppet Grover, will explore Jewish identity and traditions and will film on location at several Israeli sites, including the Western Wall. Big-name guest stars, including Debra Messing, Greg Kinnear and Cedric the Entertainer, will join puppets and children in segments filmed in Israel and the U.S. (AP)

SEE ABOVE

Norris, Jake Gyllenhaal Strike Exact Same Pose

CHUCK NORRIS has endorsed Republican Roy Moore for governor of Alabama. Norris said Wednesday that Moore's resume "reads like a Who's Who of American life and justice." Norris recalled Moore's service in the Vietnam War and his ouster as chief justice after refusing to remove the Ten Commandments from the state judicial building. Moore is one of six Republicans seeking the nomination. (AP)

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HISTORY

Record for Near-Identical, Self-Serving Sound Bites Set

A Guinness World Record spokeswoman says country singer **JACK INGRAM** has set a record for the most consecutive radio interviews in 24 hours. Ingram gave 215 interviews between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday as part of a promotional blitz for his new album, "Big Dreams & High Hopes." The previous record was 96 interviews. (AP)

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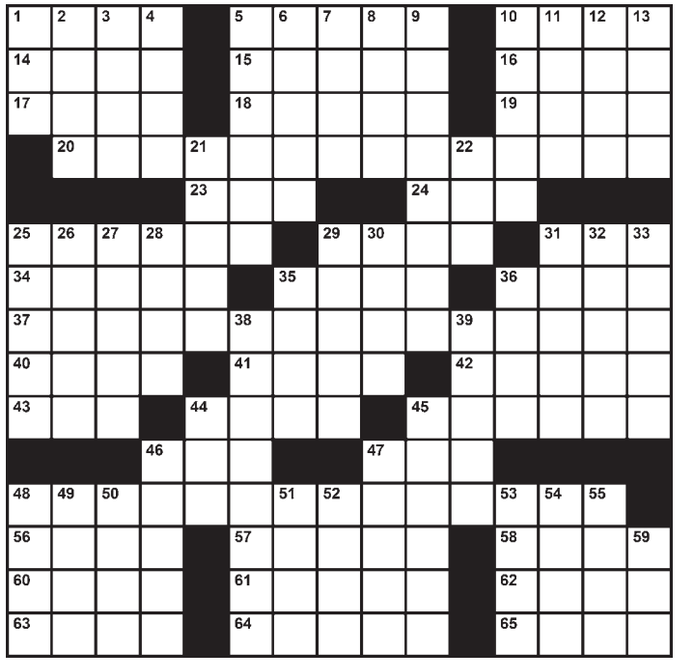

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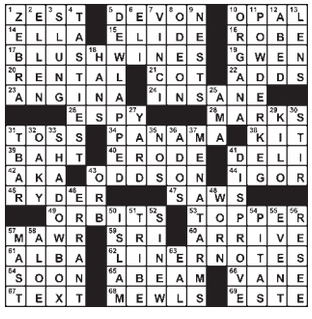
1 Unmitigated stuff
5 Pro ___
10 Aired out one's pipes
14 Collection of miscellaneous things
15 Between one another
16 "In ___ of flowers ..."
17 Sample CD
18 Despot's duration
19 Displaced gardener
20 What kids may pretend to be
23 Age verifiers
24 "___-boom-bah!"
25 Health-food sweets
29 Sheet of matted cotton
31 Chocolate barker
34 Subtle sarcasm
35 Centers of great activity
36 Act the cover girl
37 Two-bit hustlers, e.g.
40 Teapot cover
41 Spheres
42 Beginning
43 Bit for the dog bowl
44 Periods in history
45 Purchasers
46 Mugful at the Pig and Whistle
47 Purrfect pet?
48 On the best of terms
56 Alphabetize
57 Former golf tournament, ___-Ryder Open
58 "Matter" or "hero" prefix
60 Bullets and the like
61 "It's half ___, six dozen ..."
62 Terrible czar
63 Chestnut horse
64 Overrun with vermin
65 Country music's Loretta

DOWN
1 The Almighty
2 Baldwin of "The Departed"
3 Special event rental
4 Shoe-tying maneuver
5 Units of electrical capacitance
6 Black cats and dark clouds, e.g.
7 ___ rage (cheating bodybuilder's problem)
8 Factory VIP
9 Deity doubter
10 Chunks of concrete or marble
11 White House staffer
12 Word with "miss" or "catastrophe"
13 What gingivitis affects
21 Female prophet
22 Drill insertion
25 Pancho's TV amigo
26 Full metal jacket?
27 Comical tribute
28 "If I ___ Had a Brain"
29 Turkeys at the movies
30 Nonreturnable serves
31 Ready to fall out, as pages
32 One who inquires
33 Outdoes
35 Former capital of Italy
36 Dog and ___ show
38 Bullfighter
39 Letter carrier's assignment
44 Animal on Michigan's state flag
45 Pearl of "Hello, Dolly!"
46 Give in to, as an impulse
47 Monastery emanation
48 Title for a Romanov
49 ___ sapiens
50 Role for Shirley MacLaine
51 Living room feature
52 Jogger's gait
53 Alternative to Aspen
54 Jealousy
55 Thin half of a comedy duo
59 Quaint traveler's quarters

Yesterday's Solution



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		4	1		2			5
	9	5					7	
3					5			
		2			6		9	
6								4
	1		4			2		
			8					9
	8					7	6	
2			3		1	4		

Yesterday's Solution

5	9	6	8	3	7	2	4	1
1	8	4	9	5	2	6	7	3
7	2	3	4	6	1	5	9	8
8	6	9	1	2	3	4	5	7
3	7	2	6	4	5	1	8	9
4	5	1	7	9	8	3	2	6
2	4	7	3	1	9	8	6	5
6	3	8	5	7	4	9	1	2
9	1	5	2	8	6	7	3	4

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